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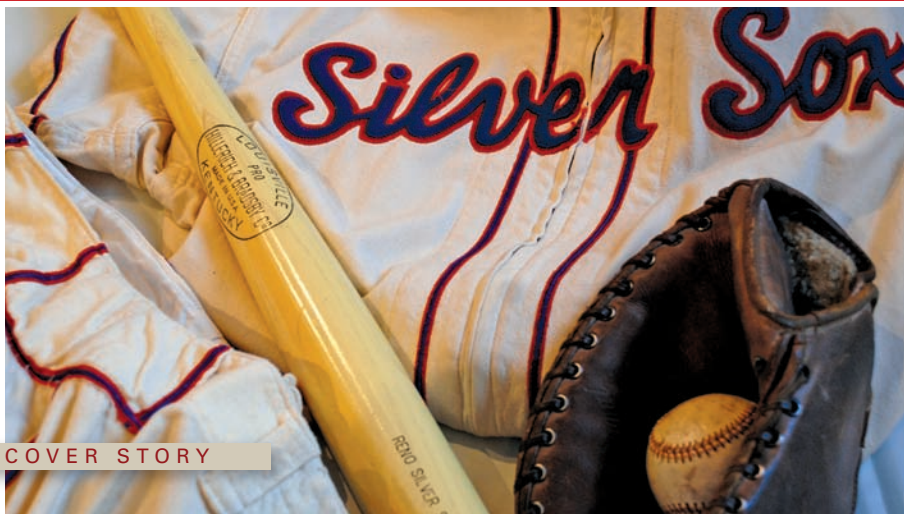
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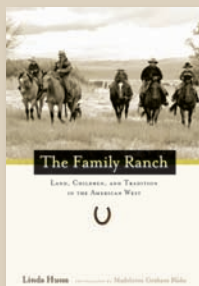
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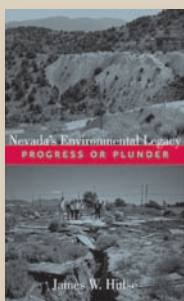


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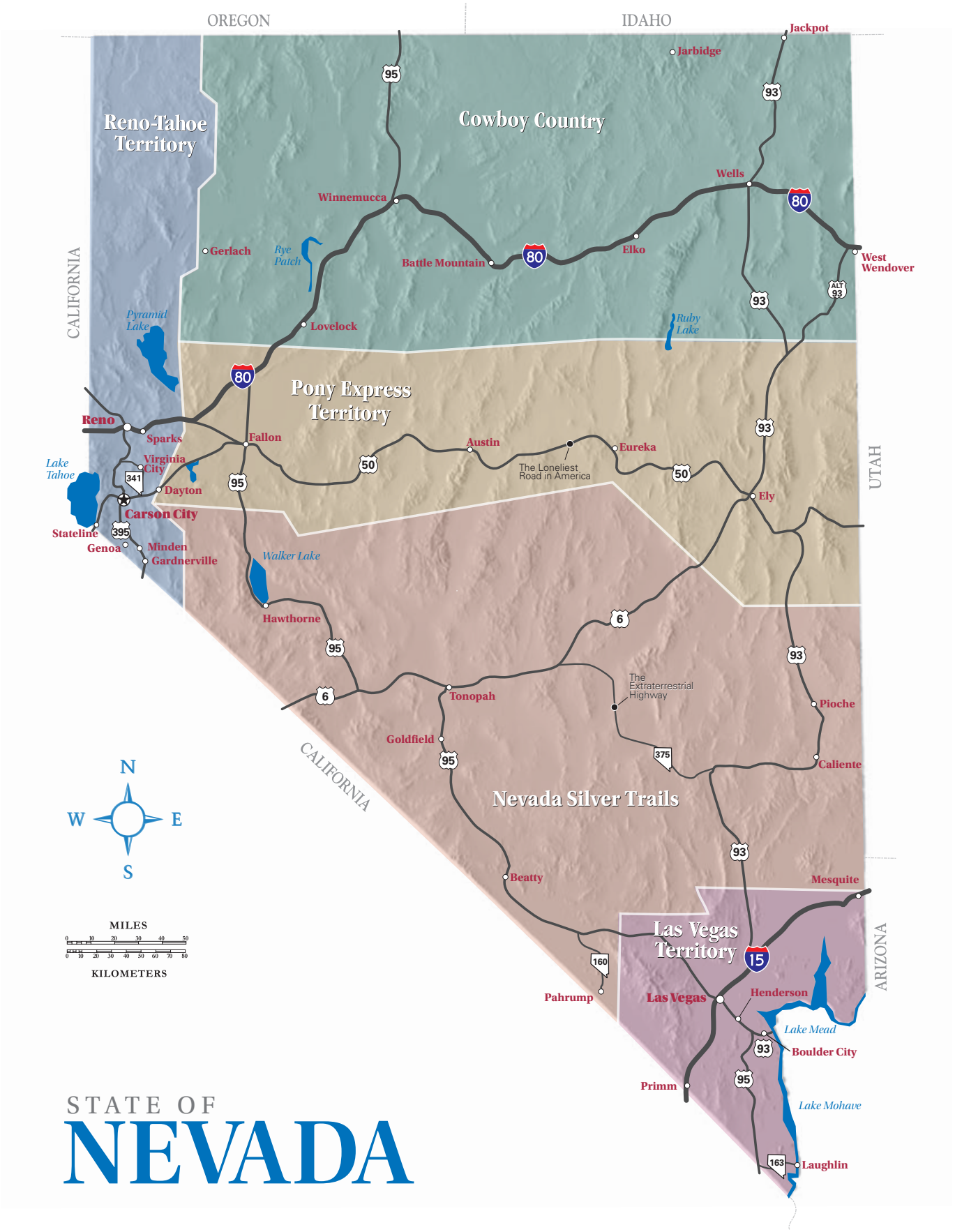


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- ▶ Online Nevada Encyclopedia unveils its Comstock Historic District online exhibition.
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# nature's pull

*Truly it may be said that the outside of a mountain  
is good for the inside of a man.*

—George Wherry, 20th-century author

Nature has a funny way of teasing the human psyche.

One minute, you're sitting in the office wondering where your next outdoor adventure will be and how it can't come soon enough. The next, you're climbing a 13,000-foot peak in the middle of nowhere and asking yourself, Why am I doing this? Or, sleeping in a cramped tent in high winds and subfreezing temperatures... or, fighting even stronger winds and more extreme temperatures as you make your way across snow-covered ridge tops.

You think, How nice would it be to enjoy a warm beverage in the cozy confines of home...or, write a story in my 70-degree office? Then, you get back to the office, check your e-mails, listen to your phone messages, revisit your to-do list, and what do you know? Suddenly, you're reminiscing about how nice it would be to be back on that blustery peak in the middle of nowhere.

Such is the relentless tug that nature has on adventurous souls. And that's why—even after your uncle says, "Isn't that kind of dangerous?" or your wife questions the trip to the point in which you doubt if you want to risk it at all—you stuff your backpack and head for the hills.

For this issue, Associate Editor Charlie Johnston and I climbed the pinnacle of Nevada pinnacles—Boundary Peak, almost directly west of Goldfield on the California-Nevada border. Visit page 28 for a summary of the excursion and details on the Nevada Adventure Challenge, in which we hope you will share your experiences in the great outdoors with *Nevada Magazine*.



April 17 will mark a new era in Reno sports. Baseball fans will fill the new stadium of the Reno Aces Triple-A team, an affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Although looking into the future of the 9,000-occupancy park is exciting, we thought we would take a look back first. Starting on page 46, follow the history of Reno baseball from 1947—the dawn of professional ball in the Biggest Little City—to now.

Also in this issue, we journey to Jarbidge, a tiny town with a huge appetite for fun, celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Las Vegas Convention Center, get hooked on fly-fishing, and devour sushi.

Until next issue, happy trails...and wind-swept ridge tops.

Matthew B. Brown, Editor

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*Nevada Magazine* had a perfect opportunity to show the entire country the REAL plight of the wild horses...instead, Charlie Johnston wrote a fluff piece. Mr. Johnston wrote about the non-wild horses east of Dayton. Any of us who actually live in the Virginia Range around the real wild horses know the difference. A real wild horse would NEVER allow a "two-legged outsider" anywhere near them. Another glaring point Mr. Johnston missed entirely was the fact that the Virginia Range wild horses are not Bureau of Land Management horses. The Virginia Range wild horses fall under the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

**Jeanne Gribbin**, President of the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association

Just a note to say your January-February cover [shown above] is the best one yet. Great magazine.

**Steve Bass**, Bakersfield (CA)



#### CORRECTION:

In our January/February 2009 issue, we incorrectly listed Joe and Francy Royer as owners of Reds Ranch in Lamoille. The actual owner is Mimi Ellis Hogan.

Congratulations on the excellent article on Nevada's Wild Horses. It was very informative and accurate. And, it was a great pleasure to introduce Charlie to some of our "closest friends, the wild horses!"

**Bonnie Matton**, President of the Wild Horse Preservation League

I just received the January/February issue, and all I can say is WOW. The layout invites the reader in. I love Nevada News, the opening of the Lamoille [skiing] article, Tour Around Nevada, the Piper's Opera House piece, Looking Back, and Wild Horses. The entire magazine was very well done! And most of all, thanks for the southern and northern events and shows!

**Mark S. Bassett**, Ely

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## CONTRIBUTORS

### ZACK THOMAS

Reno-based freelance writer and photographer Zack Thomas climbed Matterhorn Peak in the Jarbidge Mountains with his parents when he was 14 but didn't return to the area until last fall. Jarbidge hasn't changed much in the intervening 20 years—as Thomas discovered in this issue's story "Delightfully Isolated"—but Thomas has. This time he took his first son, Owen, who was just three weeks old. "He's definitely a Nevada kid," Thomas says. "He loves the rough roads."

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### MIKE SEVON

Fallon resident Mike Sevon purchased his first fly-fishing rod from the Family Liquor Store in Ely at the age of 14. He's been a Nevada angler ever since. His love for the sport led to a career with the Nevada Department of Wildlife—and an article in *Nevada Magazine*. He retired as the supervising Fisheries Biologist for northwest Nevada in 2006. Now, in addition to writing and photography, he's a board member on the Truckee River Flyfishers Club and teaches fly-fishing classes for the Churchill County Department of Parks and Recreation.

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### ERIC KARLAN

Eric Karlan is set to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania in May, majoring in journalism, history, and culture.

Despite growing up on the East Coast, Karlan is a diehard Arizona Diamondbacks fan. "I started rooting for them because I loved expansion teams as a kid," Karlan says. With the Reno Aces Triple-A team, which begins play in April, being an Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate, Karlan had a vested interest in writing about the kickoff of the Biggest Little City's new era in sports.

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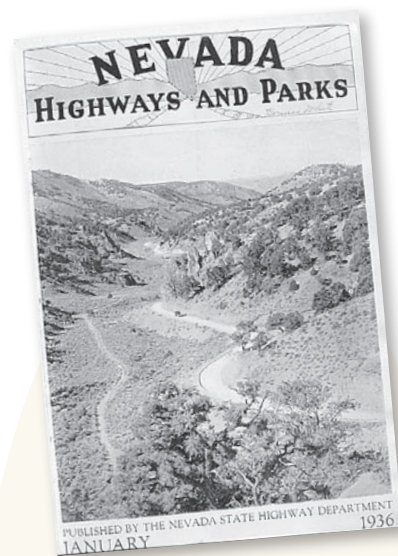
M Resort Spa Casino opens in March as Las Vegas' newest hotel destination. The 390-room luxury resort at the southern end of the Strip is built on more than 90 acres and boasts the 100,000-square-foot Villaggio Del Sole Pool and Entertainment Piazza with outdoor dining and gaming. The rooms and suites feature floor-to-ceiling windows, pillow-top mattresses, and 42-inch high-def TVs and range in size from 550 to 2,400 square feet. Nine restaurants, five bars and lounges, and a 23,000-square-foot spa, salon, and exercise area ensure that guests will have plenty to occupy their stays. [themresort.com](http://themresort.com), 877-673-7678



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## Connect with Carson City

The Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau launched its redesigned Web site last fall, making it easier for visitors to navigate Nevada's capital. Every page of the site was created with an emphasis on improved functionality and navigation. "The Web site's [handy] navigation helps meeting planners get to any page quickly," says CCCVB executive director Candy Duncan. Events, dining, lodging, and key attractions are prominently displayed and easily accessed. The Tours section provides itineraries for walking and driving in and around the city, and the History option offers informative, in-depth information about the city, state, railroads, buildings, and personalities. [visitcarsoncity.com](http://visitcarsoncity.com), 800-NEVADA-1



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#### MIRAGE NEWS

### Volcano Erupts Again, and New Store Opens

After 10 dormant months, The Mirage Volcano is again active on the Las Vegas Strip. Dancing flames and rivers of lava accompany a thundering soundtrack by Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart and Indian musical virtuoso Zakir Hussain during the free show. The Mirage Street of Shops also recently introduced its newest store, The Art of Music. The outlet showcases rare memorabilia from music, sports, history, and entertainment. [mirage.com](http://mirage.com), 702-791-7111

◆ **Spa Atlantis in Reno** recently completed a major expansion including a new fitness center with state-of-the-art TechnoGym equipment. Opulent rooms with exotic treatments—Pantai Lunar, a warm oil, coconut, and lime treatment is available at less than a dozen spas nationwide—set the standard for relaxation. [atlantiscasino.com](http://atlantiscasino.com), 800-723-6500

◆ **The Southern Nevada Birding and Wildlife Trails Partnership** is a new organization dedicated to attracting nature enthusiasts to the region and supporting conservation through tourism. [snbwtp.org](http://snbwtp.org)

◆ The **Center for Art + Environment** at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno launched in January. The center is a leader in supporting the practice, study, and awareness of interactions between people and their natural, virtual, and man-made environments. [nevadaart.org](http://nevadaart.org), 775-329-3333

◆ **ONE SIX Sky Lounge** at Las Vegas' Eastside Cannery opened late last year. Perched atop the 16-story hotel tower, the club offers a happy hour, appetizer menu, dancing, and magnificent views of the Strip. [onesixlv.com](http://onesixlv.com), 702-856-5457

◆ **Sugar Bowl** ski resort's new social networking Web site, The Switch Board, offers skiers and boarders the chance to carpool to the resort, access online stories, photos, and videos, and find terrain conditions. [sugarbowl.com](http://sugarbowl.com), 530-426-9000

#### FAST FOOD

### Viva McDonald's Opens in Sin City Fashion

The most recognizable name in fast food opened its newest Las Vegas location, Viva McDonald's, late last year between Circus Circus and the future site of Echelon Las Vegas on the Strip. Not to be outdone by its ostentatious neighbors, the restaurant's entrance sports four 9- by 8-foot LED video screens and the arches feature two 10- by 23-foot LED screens. Inside, the 8,600-square-foot, two-story dining room continues the uber-technology theme with a 14-screen media ring suspended from the ceiling and wireless Internet. Viva McDonald's-branded merchandise and the McCafé line of espresso coffees are offered along with the regular menu. [vivamcdonalds.com](http://vivamcdonalds.com)



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◆ Nevada's Pioneer Territory changed its name last year to **Nevada Silver Trails**. The new name is a reference to U.S. Highways 93 and 95, along which most of the region's towns are located. [nevadasilvertrails.com](http://nevadasilvertrails.com), 877-848-5800

◆ **Reno Harley Davidson/Buell** opened its new store in January. The new location includes Big House Customs, a service shop that focuses on personal attention, with a lounge to discuss projects with mechanics and closed circuit TV that allows riders to watch the work being done on their bikes. [renohd.com](http://renohd.com), 775-329-2913

◆ The film "**Middle Men**," set for a May release, was partially filmed in Las Vegas. The movie chronicles the birth and early days of the online adult entertainment industry. [middlementhemovie.com](http://middlementhemovie.com)

◆ "**Fuego en Vegas**," the first Spanish language reality TV series, started production in Las Vegas late last year. The show follows the lives of dancers in the show "Fuego Raw Talent Live" and airs on KBLR Telemundo Las Vegas Saturdays at 6 p.m. [ndsfuego.com](http://ndsfuego.com)

◆ At 8:30 p.m. on March 28, Las Vegas will be one of many cities that participate in **Earth Hour**—in which nonessential lighting will be turned off simultaneously. [earthhourus.org](http://earthhourus.org)

◆ The dock at **Lake Mead's Boulder Harbor** was reopened to boating anglers earlier this year. The harbor is between the Pyramid Island causeway and the water treatment plant off Lakeshore Drive. [nps.gov/lame](http://nps.gov/lame), 702-293-8990

## ARTS

## Neon Meets Neo-impressionism

The Southern Nevada Center for the Arts opened in its new location near the Southern Nevada Museum of Fine Arts in downtown Las Vegas at Neonopolis. The center represents more than 50 artists and includes an art museum and 23 artist galleries and studios. The center is open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and scheduled to offer art classes and workshops for adults and children.

[artcenteronline.com](http://artcenteronline.com), 702-878-1717



## MARATHON

## 26.2 to Reno

On the heels of last year's successful half marathon—which saw nearly 800 runners finish—the Rock-n-River is back in 2009 and has added a full marathon to the May 3rd event. Both races start under the Reno Arch and follow the Truckee River west to a turnaround at the Patagonia Outlet, an outdoor clothing manufacturer and retailer, and retrace the route back to downtown. The full marathon continues east along the river to another turnaround and then back to the Reno Arch for the finish. Runners and walkers pay \$50 for the marathon, \$40 for the half, and \$25 for the 10K run. A pre-race pasta dinner is available for an additional \$5. Race registration includes a running shirt, items from local sponsors, and post-race massages and food. [rock-n-riverhalfmarathon.com](http://rock-n-riverhalfmarathon.com)



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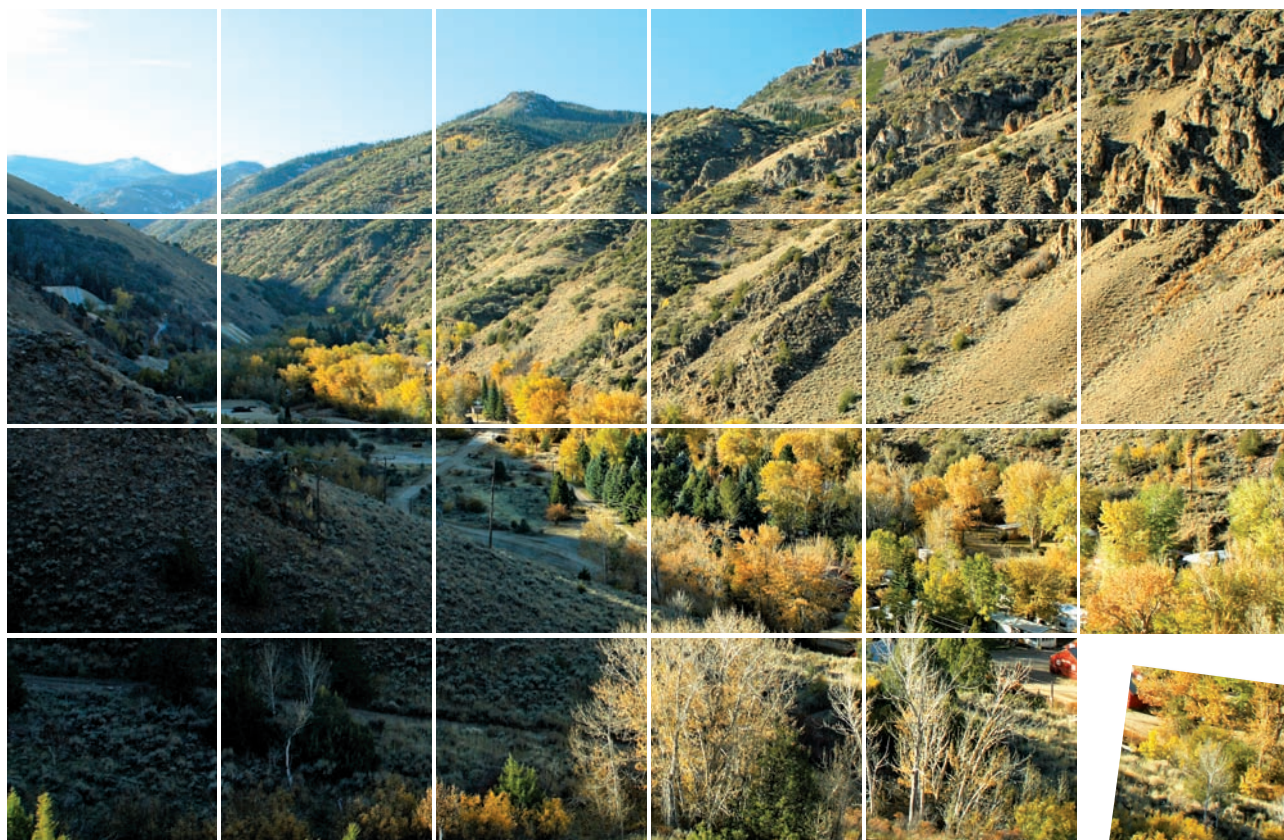
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## delightfully isolated

STORY & PHOTOS BY ZACK THOMAS

Surrounded by spectacular wilderness, Jarbidge is one of Nevada's most remote towns—but it still knows how to party.

"Gone downtown to the pig feed," reads the note pinned to the door of the Tsawhawbitts Ranch Bed & Breakfast when my wife and I arrive in Jarbidge. "Come on in." And miss the pig feed? Not a chance.

We idle along at the strictly enforced 10-mph speed limit. About a minute passes before the crowd comes into view, clogging the dirt main street between the Outdoor Inn, Red Dog Saloon, community hall, and Sinclair station, which make up "downtown" in this hamlet with a year-round population hovering around 20.

Blue woodsmoke hangs over the roofs and golden leaves of the cottonwoods,

while pork sandwiches and beer flow freely. Yearly and summer residents and visitors from all over—perhaps 100 people in all—mill, gossip, and laugh. There's a drawing for a deer rifle to benefit the local volunteer fire department and some smack-talk about the costume contest coming up later. It's the Saturday before Halloween, the town's last big party of the year.

### PARTY TIME

Jarbidge loves its parties and parades. The next morning, Krinn McCoy, our host at Tsawhawbitts Ranch, jokes that







the town will throw together a parade for just about any reason: “Somebody will say, ‘Hey, there’s some people here from Washington that want to see a parade,’ and we have a parade.”

In addition to impromptu celebrations and the Halloween pig feed, Jarbidge hosts a Memorial Day party with live music and a barbecue; a two-day Fourth of July celebration with more live bluegrass, more barbecue, and a parade; a corn

feed in early September; and a harvest dance in late September. The celebration centerpiece is Jarbidge Days, a three-day, mid-August celebration of all things Jarbidge, with a historical slide show, craft fair, and community yard sale; guided tours; kids activities; and—you guessed it—live music, free food, and a parade. This year’s Jarbidge Days, celebrating the town’s centennial, will quite possibly be the biggest party in Jarbidge history.

## FROZEN IN TIME

Like so many of Nevada’s remote and picturesque towns, Jarbidge sprang from a gold strike. After the first legitimate discovery in 1909, the town exploded to some 1,500 residents. By the early 1920s, Jarbidge was the most productive gold-mining district in Nevada, but by the end of the decade the boom was over, and Jarbidge became what it is today—a partially inhabited collection of old buildings along the banks of a mountain stream, delightfully isolated from the rest of the world by geography and weather.

If not frozen in time, Jarbidge certainly lags behind. On a snowy December night in 1916, the last stagecoach robbery in U.S. history was committed just outside of town. The tiny jail where the robber was held until his conviction and transfer to Carson City still stands. To see inside, ask for a key next door at the Trading Post, aka “The Best Little Storehouse in Jarbidge.” The town is one of the last in the U.S. with no cell-phone service; even land lines didn’t arrive until 1984, and every number in town starts 488-23, so locals tend to refer to only the last two digits.

The historical photos in the community hall, across from the Outdoor Inn, are a result of the hard work put into the Jarbidge Community Archives project by the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society. The building has changed little since the boom days, when it housed the Commercial Club—a saloon, theater, and gathering place. If it’s locked, the folks at the Outdoor Inn will open it. Spend an hour exploring the old cemetery, too, about a mile downstream from town.

## AN UNKNOWN PARADISE

The mountains, canyons, and streams surrounding Jarbidge are the perfect complement to the town’s slow-paced charm, fascinating history, and nostalgic old buildings. The Jarbidge Mountains—a strange island of snow-crowned peaks rising to nearly 11,000 feet from Idaho’s Snake River Plain to the



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Jarbidge's nearest population centers are Twin Falls, Idaho, about 130 miles away, and Elko. Elko is about 95 miles from Jarbidge, but 45 of those miles are on dirt, and the road can be closed by snow for up to half the year. The road north to Idaho is the only way in or out in winter.

From Elko, take Elko County Road 746, which turns east from Highway 225 a few miles south of Wild Horse Reservoir. About 20 miles from the pavement, the road turns northward at Charleston Reservoir (an oasis for migrating waterfowl, including tundra swans) and climbs toward the high country.

north and Nevada's Great Basin to the south—is a virtually unknown paradise for campers, backpackers, off-road-ers, mountain bikers, anglers, hunters, wildlife-watchers, cross-country skiers, and snowmobilers. "Jarbidge makes an ideal base camp for all kinds of outdoor enthusiasts," says Don Newman of Elko. "It's so remote that people are surprised when they find out there's a restaurant, rooms, gas, and store."

Some 150 miles of established trails

beckon day hikers, backpackers, and horseback riders to explore Nevada's oldest wilderness area, Jarbidge Wilderness, established in 1964. One of the least visited wilderness areas in the country, it encompasses about 113,000 acres of wind-swept summits, yawning river gorges, dense fir and pine forests, aspen groves, and subalpine meadows resplendent with summer wildflowers. "You can spend a week up there and not see anybody at all," says Agee Smith of the

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Halloween pig feed







Cottonwood Guest Ranch, which leads pack trips into the high country.

The most popular trailhead is at the end of the road that follows the Jarbidge River upstream from town. Fit hikers can make the 8.5 to 11.5-mile (depending on road conditions) round-trip to Jarbidge Lake in a day, but there are also several excellent two- to four-day loop hikes. Peak-baggers like to camp at gorgeous and aptly named Emerald Lake before scrambling up Matterhorn Peak, the 10,839-foot high point of the range.

Outside the wilderness area, a maze of old mining roads—some of them, like the pulse-pounding Bluster Mine road, climb thousands of feet up steep canyon walls—makes for exciting mountain biking and endless exploring via off-road vehicles. Campers and adventurous RVers enjoy numerous streamside







campgrounds, both improved and unimproved.

The Jarbidge, Bruneau, and Marys Rivers start from the high country and are loaded with fish. The Jarbidge, which, unlike most of Nevada's streams, drains to the Columbia River system and ultimately the Pacific Ocean, is home to native Columbia redband trout and the world's southernmost native population of bull trout.

## REDEFINING REMOTE

Ironically, it's Jarbidge's remoteness—that it has a legitimate claim to the title of most remote town in the lower 48—that draws visitors from literally all over the globe. On the wall of the Tsawhawbitts Ranch, a map of the U.S. bristles with pushpins marking guests' hometowns in every state. Intrepid European tourists find their way here with surprising frequency. "Our very first guests after we opened were Germans," McCoy says. "A lot of Europeans seem to have a real fascination with the Old West, and they come here looking for the last of it."

Jarbidge is 20 miles from the nearest pavement and 70 miles from the closest full-service town—tiny Rogerson, Idaho, about 18 miles north of Jackpot, on Highway 93. Elko County Road 746, which turns east from Highway 225 a few miles south of Wild Horse Reservoir, is the quickest and most scenic way to Jarbidge from Elko. Dense evergreen forests and aspen groves are punctuated here and there by lush meadows and sweeping vistas of peaks and canyons as the road



The Jarbidge River—like the Bruneau, the Marys, and numerous tributaries—is teeming with trout that will readily strike a fly. A small bull trout (top left) is displayed before it's released.

winds over Bear Creek and Coon Creek summits—both just shy of 8,500 feet—before dropping steeply into the Jarbidge River canyon.

In good weather, this route is passable in carefully driven passenger cars. Make a loop by leaving town to the north and returning to the highway either at Rogerson or, via another 45 miles of dirt, at Wild Horse Reservoir.

The road north from town follows the Jarbidge River through a dramatic gorge,

its walls studded with strangely humanoid basalt monoliths or "hoodoos." Some believe these hoodoos explain the Shoshone legend of the *tsawhawbitts*, a man-eating giant that their ancestors had trapped in the canyon.

"Jarbidge" is an English corruption of the Shoshone word.

At any rate, if the giant were around today, he'd probably get a triple helping of barbecue, a cold beer, and a spot at the head of the next parade. ▀



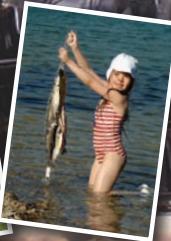
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# center of attention

The Las Vegas Convention Center turns 50 in April.

Las Vegas has long been known as a destination that constantly reinvents itself to stay fresh and exciting for its visitors. One strategy to attract new visitors and expand the tourism industry took place in 1959 and has only gotten stronger over the years. On April 12, 1959, the Las Vegas Convention Center opened its doors to welcome the World Congress of Flight and usher in an era that would see the city become the leading convention destination in the country.

In the early 1950s, state and community leaders decided that Las Vegas needed a new market segment to supply visitors attracted to the growing hotel community. While weekends proved easier to fill the close to 10,000 guest rooms, by Monday morning the town returned to a sleepy desert burg.

One industry stood out as a potential leader in filling hotel rooms, restaurants, and lounges during the week—the convention industry. A group of business-



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men and elected officials came together and decided the best way to attract this market would be to build a convention center.

Local residents were opposed to com-

mitting tax dollars to such an effort, but the hotel community saw the potential revenue these new visitors would bring. The group appealed to the Nevada State Legislature, and in 1955 a room tax was

**April 1959:** Las Vegas Convention Center Opens | **June 1959:** Bobby Darin Performs | **Oct. 1959:** St. Louis Hawks vs. Philadelphia Warriors (NBA)

**1960:** Rat Pack Performs | **June 1963:** Sonny Liston vs. Floyd Patterson (boxing) | **Sept. 1963:** John F. Kennedy Speaks | **Aug. 1964:** The Beatles Perform



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levied on hotels and motels in Clark County to finance the center's construction.

Along with creating the funding source for construction, the Legislature and the Clark County Commission also established the Clark County Fair and Recreation Board—which later became the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA)—and charged the body with promoting Southern Nevada as a convention and tourism destination. This structure remains today, with the LVCVA using 46 percent of the visitor-paid city room tax to promote tourism and 54 percent of the tax going back to the community for schools, parks, and roads.

While these visionaries clearly understood the importance of expanding the tourism base to Southern Nevada, it is doubtful they could have foreseen the incredible impact the convention industry would eventually have on Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas Convention Center, which was built for \$5.4 million, consisted of a 20,340-square-foot rotunda, 18 meeting rooms, and a 90,000-square-foot exhibit hall. The center hosted 22 meetings in 1959, beginning with the 7,500 attendees at the World Congress of Flight aerospace industry show.

Since that time, Las Vegas has expanded to the premier convention destination in the country, attracting more than 6 million meeting and convention visitors, nearly 24,000 events, and contributing more than \$8 billion to the local economy annually.

That incredible growth has forced the growth of the convention center as well, with more than a dozen expansion projects taking place in the past five decades. As the convention industry warmed to Las Vegas, more and more industry-leading shows began to move to the destination to share in the experience.

One of the early shows to make the move to the desert has become the largest annual show in North America. The International Consumer Electronics Show gained a reputation as the show that introduced the latest gadgets, but it needed to expand its reach from Chicago to the west coast. Consumer Electronics ran a winter show at the Las Vegas Convention Center in 1978, and eventually Las Vegas became the exclusive host in 1995. Today the show attracts more than 100,000 people annually.

Through the 1970s and '80s, the center began to attract interest from some of the

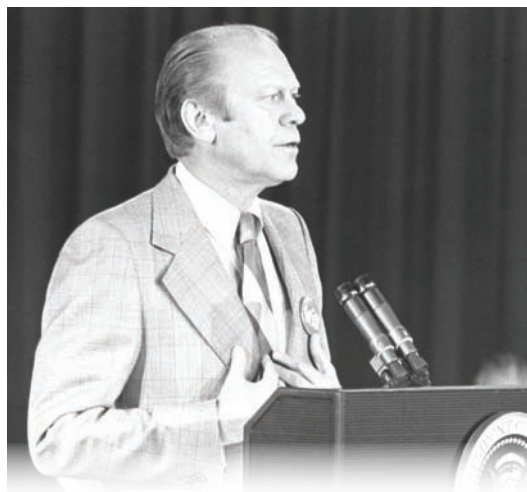
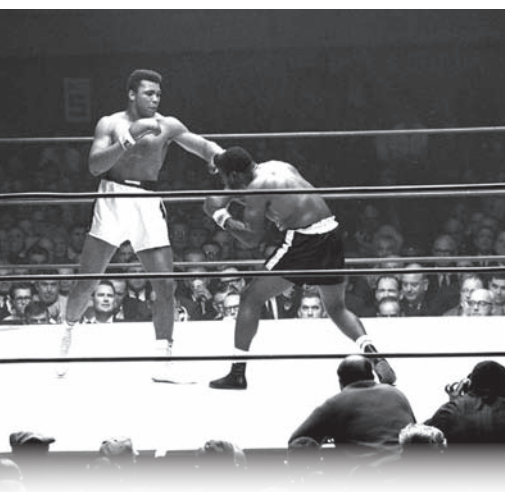
biggest trade shows in the world, such as the Conexpo construction industry show, MINExpo, the National Association of Broadcasters, the MAGIC fashion industry show, and more.

Over the years, the Las Vegas Convention Center has played host to some of the city's most memorable and incredible events. From the Beatles to presidents to prize fights to UNLV and professional basketball, the iconic convention center was often the place to be.

Today, the rotunda has come down and the major events have moved to other venues that have since been built around Las Vegas; however, the Las Vegas Convention Center is still an integral part of the local economy through the nearly 100 meetings and conventions it hosts each year. With more than two million square feet of convention and meeting space, the center hosts close to 2 million visitors who generate more than \$2 billion annually for the Southern Nevada economy. ▀

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## (in) a league of their own

Las Vegas women's organization saves a historic home and builds a better community.

BY LYNN GOYA

In the 1950s and '60s, Frank, Dean, Joey, and Sammy ruled the Strip—drinking, singing, and burning themselves indelibly into the American psyche as icons of the ultimate cool. Central to that image are swooping, low-rise casinos featuring intimate lounges that gently blend the boundaries between customer and performer, making for a homey and personal experience.

The entertainers' offstage personas were equally slick. We all imagine the Rat Pack relaxing in sleek living rooms opening to luxurious pools where Frank and friends shared cocktails and rehashed that evening's performances.

One of the homes in which they congregated was that of Antonio and Helen Morelli. Antonio was the orchestra conductor and music director for the Sands Hotel during the Rat Pack's heyday. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2009, the Morelli House is a testament to a gone-but-not-forgotten era in Las Vegas history. Its classic block façade, bold horizontal lines, open ceilings, and flying entry embody the fundamental tenets of midcentury modern architecture. "American cities in the West, suburban metropolises, look completely different than 19th-century cities like New York or Boston," says architect and 20th-century historian Alan Hess. "They have their own aesthetic and own architecture. Las

Vegas is one of the greatest examples of how 20th-century architecture was translated into urban design."

Before the building boom of the 1990s, most of Las Vegas' architecture belonged to that period. "It took those ideas to a bolder, purer form on the Strip than any other city in the 20th century," Hess says. While most of the midcentury modern casinos have followed the Rat Pack into the hereafter, Morelli's iconic home is one of the few that has been rescued.

### On the Eve of Destruction

When the Desert Inn was bulldozed to make way for Wynn Las Vegas, the custom midcentury modern homes built in the Desert Inn Country Club Estates

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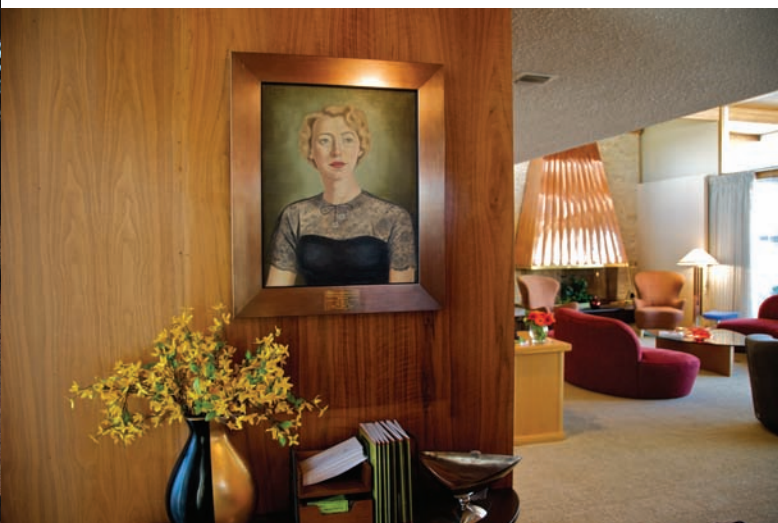
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The Morelli House, former home of music director Antonio Morelli, was originally built in 1959 and overlooked the Desert Inn Golf Course. It is now home to the Junior League ladies (above).

along the golf course were also slated for demolition. At the same time, the Junior League of Las Vegas, one of the city's most active philanthropic organizations, was in need of a permanent home.

The Junior League had a history of rescuing historic buildings in a city that has made a habit of imploding them, most notably helping to restore and move the Beckley House. On the brink of moving the Whitehead House—a down-on-its-luck estate home built in 1929—onto an acquired property across the street from the historic Las Vegas High School, the building burned to the ground. Through grants and donations, the Junior League had committed to restoring a historic residence that was now unsalvageable. Despite the fact that the Junior League had spent a good chunk on the vacant land, the Nevada Commission on Cultural Affairs asked the group to return the grant money unless it could find another historical property to move and restore.

When Steve Wynn heard of the problem, he had the Molasky Group, which had been contracted to purchase and demolish the Desert Inn Country Club Estate homes, contact the Junior League regarding the Morelli House. Built in 1959, it had been cited by the UNLV School of Architecture as the house most worthy of preserving. Because of its pier

and beam construction, it was most likely to survive a move in good shape. Furthermore, it was a classic example of mid-century modern design with its layout, finishes, and mostly original appliances. The Junior League was delighted.

### Resurrection and Redemption

"It still had the original carpet, so we replaced that," says Dedee Nave, chairman of the Junior League's Endowment Board of Trustees. The Junior League also fixed plumbing and electrical problems, restored the linoleum flooring, refinished the cabinets, and replaced fixtures. The house was placed on the Nevada Register of Historical Places in 2002, the City of Las Vegas Historical Register in 2007, and could land on the National Register in 2009, which would make for a great 50th birthday present.

The Junior League, which was founded in 1946 and goes by the motto, "Women Building a Better Community," is involved in everything from the arts, to Las Vegas' history, to its children. It hosts a

monthly Birthday Closet for homeless children at a local elementary school, creates picnic baskets for foster-care children, and gathers blankets for homeless teens. The Junior League also raises thousands of dollars annually for educational grants awarded to teachers for innovative classroom projects. Plans are in the works to build a new public park for children in an at-risk neighborhood.

Now firmly established in their present home, the Junior League members scour garage sales and second-hand shops for decorative midcentury household items and era clothing to wear during home tours and planned events. "I just picked this up last week at a yard sale," says Nave, holding up a fanciful glass bowl.

"Very little is left of what was one of the greatest collections of 20th-century urbanism in the country," Hess says. "I give a lot of credit to the Junior League in putting their money where their mouths were. There were a lot of other good houses at the Desert Inn site that were of equal value, and we now only have one."

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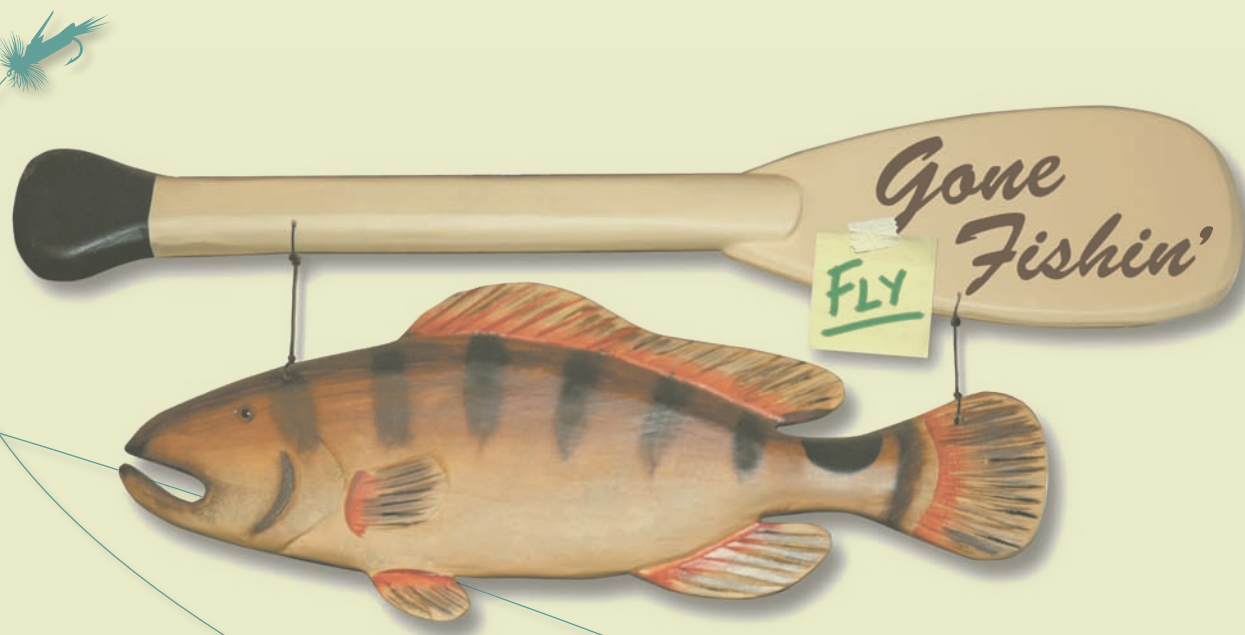


Nevada is stocked with productive fly-fishing destinations. Along with the passion for the sport comes an abundance of gear, including hip (or higher) waders to fish midsize streams such as the East Walker River (left and top left). Above: On a small body of water akin to Marlette Lake, near the northeast shore of Lake Tahoe, a float tube will dramatically increase your chances. A fly rod holder (below) allows anglers to conveniently store their excess poles.

PHOTOS: MATT SMITH (ABOVE & TOP LEFT), MIKE SEVON (LEFT & BELOW)







## SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST ANGLING AWAITS IN RURAL NEVADA.

BY MIKE SEVON

Nevada fishermen know there is more to the Silver State than meets the eye. Hidden in the mountains and valleys of this arid state are places where water from winter snows collects to create oases for wildlife and, sometimes, fish you can brag about. This is a land of extremes, and anglers here know that good fisheries ebb and flow depending on the supply of quality water—a lake that may have been a hot fishing spot one year might not be so generous the next. Blue Lakes and Big Spring Reservoir, for instance, once excellent Humboldt County trout waters, are fishless today due to lack of water flows and low water levels.

A growing number of anglers are taking up the difficult, yet satisfying, sport of fly-fishing. There is a poetry of motion in casting a fly that provides enjoyment even when the fishing is slow. Fly-fishers learn something new with each trip—the sense of wonder in turning over a stone to see what insects are available, trying to match the hatch, and releasing your catch to live another day. Fly clubs and the Nevada Department of Wildlife conduct “fish-outs” and clinics

to assist newcomers, and most anglers are eager to let beginners know what the hot fly pattern is.

### WHERE TO GO IN NEVADA

Following is a list of some of the best-producing fly-fisheries, currently, in the Silver State.



#### PYRAMID LAKE

Located 33 miles north of Reno, this is the granddaddy of all Nevada fisheries. Native Lahontan cutthroat trout fishing is world class—the record (41 pounds) was caught here in 1925 by Johnny Skimmerhorn. The largest in recent years was a 24-pound, 12-ouncer caught in 2005—on a fly.

The number and size of Lahontan cutthroat longer than 24 inches has increased in the last few years, and many long-time anglers contend the population of big fish is the largest it's been in 60 years. The best time for catching big trout here is between March and the end of April, when the mature cutthroat move to shallow water. The sight of hundreds of 22-inch trout cruising along

the beach in April is not soon forgotten. Anglers fish from ladders to get out of the cold water and make it easier to cast and see if the fish are following flies on the retrieve.

#### EXPERT TIPS

Typical fishing here calls for 6-8-weight, 9-foot-long fly rods. To cast the larger woolly buggers and streamers, most anglers use 30-foot shooting heads attached to 110 feet of smaller diameter shooting line. Although it helps to be able to cast 90 feet, many first-time anglers do catch big fish. Recommended fly patterns include woolly buggers in black, brown, chartreuse, and white, sizes 8-12. Two flies are often used with a woolly bugger as a point fly and a buoyant foam beetle fly on a dropper. The action of the beetle floating in front of the bugger is effective. Popular colors for beetles are black, brown, and green. In recent years more anglers are fishing midge patterns with strike indicators. The bead-headed midge patterns are suspended 5-11 feet below the strike indicator. Anglers cast 30-40 feet offshore with 6-weight rods and dry fly line. This technique works best when there is little surface chop on the water. Fishing permits are required from the Paiute Tribe. Daily and season permits can be purchased at Crosby Lodge in Sutcliffe.





PYRAMID LAKE



## EAST WALKER RIVER

The East Walker is the premier river fishery in Nevada. From the California state line below Bridgeport the river flows through five miles of private property on the Scierine Ranch and then enters the historic Rosaschi Ranch, where catch-and-release regulations are in effect for eight miles. Below this section, general fishing regulations apply, and some harvest is allowed. Brown and rainbow trout numbers are high here, with rainbows up to 20 inches and browns up to 22 inches.

The river fishes best when flows are below 100 cubic feet per second—

October through late April, when nearby ranches are not irrigating. At these flows, the river can be safely waded, and all sections can be accessed. During the summer, flows range from 200 to 500 cubic feet per second, and crossing the river can be dangerous. The fishing is still good, but anglers are forced to work one bank and must plan accordingly.

### EXPERT TIPS

Anglers typically use a 4-6-weight rod with floating line and fish nymphs or San Juan worms while working upstream. On the return trip downstream, try switching to streamers or woolly buggers. Be prepared for some jolting hits when using bigger fly patterns.



## SOUTH FORK RESERVOIR

This reservoir on the South Fork of the Humboldt River is one of Nevada's newest fisheries, constructed in 1988. Anglers in Northern Nevada have kept this 1,640-acre hot spot under their hats for far too long. The lake has rainbow, brown, cutthroat, and bowcut trout, and it's a respectable bass fishery for both large and smallmouth black bass. Wipers, a hybrid cross of white bass and striped bass, were stocked here to control Tui chub minnows.

### EXPERT TIPS

Fishing is excellent in the spring. Expect to catch 15-18-inch rainbow trout with woolly buggers and nymphs along the shoreline. Boats and float tubes are popular here. The Nevada Division of State Parks has an improved camping area, and primitive camping is allowed at various spots. Fishing can be excellent at the upper end of the reservoir when the rainbow trout begin to spawn after ice out.



## KNOTT CREEK RESERVOIR

At 6,400 feet, this mountain meadow reservoir on Bureau of Land Management public land is one of the more scenic places to fish in the state. It's a long trip to Knott Creek, but this trophy-trout fishery has many followers who make



annual pilgrimages to match wits with its big rainbow, bowcut, and tiger trout. From Winnemucca, it's 100 miles north to Denio Junction and nine miles on State Route 140 to access the Knott Creek dirt road. After traveling south seven miles to the junction of Sand Pass Road, it's another seven miles up the mountain to access Knott Creek. During wet weather the road is impassable. Even when dry, this is a four-wheel-drive road that's off limits to camping and boat trailers.

#### EXPERT TIPS

The season opens June 15 to allow roads to dry out and avoid stressing out the spring spawning rainbow trout. Knott Creek is 216 acres and has lots of submerged plant life that harbors small fresh water shrimp and damselfly larvae. In summer, the water warms up, and the fishing can really slow down. A float tube with a portable fish finder is a big help in locating the trophy fish. Don't be surprised if you catch a trout in the 22-inch range.



#### WAYNE E. KIRCH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Although the primary purpose of this NDOW management area is to support waterfowl, good water management and

recent habitat improvements to deepen pond areas has resulted in excellent fisheries. The management area is 180 miles north of Las Vegas on the "Sun-nyside Shortcut" toward Ely on S.R. 318. Anglers should be aware that there are no services available. All camping on the management area is confined to the Dave Deacon Campground on the east side of the pond complex. There is little shade, and the spring weather is often cold and windy.

#### EXPERT TIPS

Fishing for rainbow trout is best from March through June. On average, expect to catch rainbows longer than 15 inches. Spring fishing here is available in three ponds: Haymeadow Reservoir (190 acres), Cold Springs Reservoir (275 acres), and Adams-McGill Reservoir (785 acres). These ponds are heavily stocked with trout in the fall and have naturally reproducing largemouth bass. Most anglers fish from small boats and float tubes around the cattail and bulrush channels that provide good habitat for largemouth bass and nesting ducks. Water depths range from 7 to 12 feet.

Travelers in the Nevada outback know there are many rewards to being away from the crowds. Make sure your fishing licenses are up to date and that you have

a trout stamp if you are fishing in trout-populated water. Fishing regulations in Nevada are often tailored to match the productivity of each area, and it is necessary to check the regulations and catch limits on each water. If you use a float tube, canoe, or boat, make sure you wear a life jacket. Good luck in your fishing adventures, and remember: The best time to go fishing is whenever you can. ▀



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CHALLENGE

# BOUNDARY PEAK

Reaching the highest point in Nevada

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

Climbing Boundary Peak is more about the journey than the thrill of victory. Sure, it's nice to reach the summit, but there's only so much you can do on a rocky space that's roughly the size of a small living room—besides feel relief. Upon reaching the pinnacle, I laid down for a few minutes to catch my breath, and get some reprieve from the furious winds that were blowing on this winter day, January 17. It's the highest elevation I've been, which is appropriate seen as how

Boundary Peak is Nevada's highest point (13,141). My climbing partner, Associate Editor Charlie Johnston, practically raced to the peak and was already taking photos when I crawled, literally, to the top.

Boundary Peak, near the California-Nevada border, is almost directly west of Goldfield. It's a popular hike not so much for the views (mountainous Nevada desert is beautiful, but it can become overwhelming), or the terrain (scree, anyone?), but simply because it's the highest summit in the Silver

State. Don't get me wrong; the view of a snow-covered Boundary Peak from Highway 6 (your gateway no matter what direction you're coming from) rivals any winter scene in Nevada.

On Highway 6, traveling west from Nevada, you pass the ghost town of Mount Montgomery. You can also explore a few abandoned mining camps after turning southeast on Queen Canyon Road. In the winter months, how far you get up this dirt road via a four-wheel-drive vehicle is going to determine how long the trip takes. This being a light snow year (so far), we made it to Queen Mine (about 9,200 feet), which left us with a two- to three-mile hike to Trail Canyon Saddle (about 10,800 feet). This is an ideal base camp, although we were hit with some high, cold winds overnight. The next day, we awoke at 7 a.m. and were able to summit Boundary and return to the truck well before sundown. Given our four-hour drive from Reno to Queen Mine, the trip took two full days.

If you're making a winter ascent, dress in layers, bring something to melt snow for drinking water, and be prepared for a wide range of conditions (in a normal or high snow year, crampons, an ice axe, rope, and snowshoes are essential).

Water is scarce, meaning you will need plenty if you prefer summertime conditions. So figure the weight you save shedding the winter gear will be made up in H<sub>2</sub>O.

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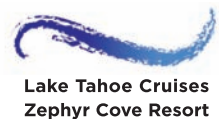


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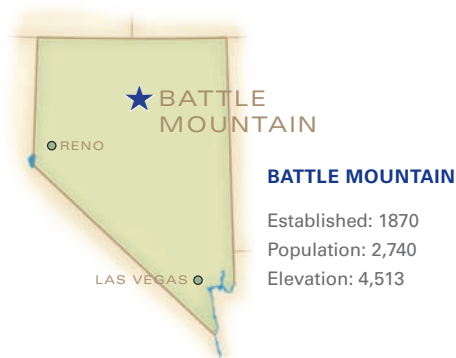


*"The landscape that surrounds Battle Mountain is breathtaking."*—Kimberlie Davis, resident

## battle boon

The mining town of Battle Mountain is prospering during challenging times.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN



Citizens of Battle Mountain must have cringed when *The New York Times*' Steve Friess showed up in the sleepy town and started asking questions. Not even a decade ago it was another East Coast paper that sapped the area with the label, "the armpit of America." The 2001 *Washington Post* article, although it brought with it a fair bit of bittersweet national attention, still stings some who don't subscribe to the motto "any publicity is good publicity."

It's those people especially who must

have felt relief when they read Friess' article, published January 2. The theme: Life is good in Battle Mountain. "I'm not going to pack up and leave because someone that's not from here writes a [negative] story," says Samme Engelson, a Battle Mountain native who owns Thimbles 'n' Quilts. "I don't think we're the armpit."

In fact, due to Lander County's (Battle Mountain is the capital) role in the gold-mining industry, many of the territory's nearly 6,000 residents are prospering in

a time of general economic disparity. That means good wages and steady, if not rising, home values. "I don't know of anybody who is getting foreclosed on; it's just not an issue out here," Charlotte Thompson, a hostess at the Owl Club, says in *The Times* story.

The financial boon is bringing a few more commercial businesses to town, which is all the better for local owners like Engelson who welcome tourists with open arms. "Last summer, I had seven different people from seven different





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states or countries in my store," she says, admitting that most of her business comes from a 100-mile radius.

So, if one doesn't work for a mine or like to sew, why Battle Mountain? "I have some cousins who have said they haven't had a bad meal in town," Engelson says. "People are friendly and accepting, and there's no traffic. I felt safe walking the streets as a kid, and I still feel it's safe for my kids."

Like many small towns in Nevada, other major draws to the area are events, some of the more unique in the state. The World Human-Powered Speed Challenge, this year in September, seeks out the "world's fastest human propelled by their own power." The competition is held on State Route 305, also the site of The Pony Express Open Road Race from Battle Mountain to Austin (August). There's also Basque and bluegrass

festivals, a crab feed, rodeos, and—Engelson's favorite—the quilt show.

If you're "tough enough," as the official Battle Mountain tourism Web site puts it, there are adventure opportunities galore such as hunting, fishing, and off-roading.

Kimberlie Davis, a resident for nearly 20 years, enjoys exploring the area. "If you have never hiked or taken a four-wheeler to the top of a mountain and looked out on a vista for 100-200 miles, you have no idea what you're missing," she says. ▀

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Stock Car Racing

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Stock Car Racing

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Battle Mountain Music Festival

##### August

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Battle of the Beggars

Stock Car Racing

Basque Picnic

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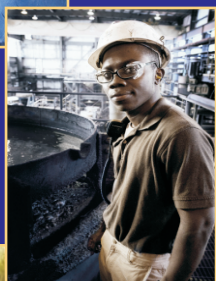
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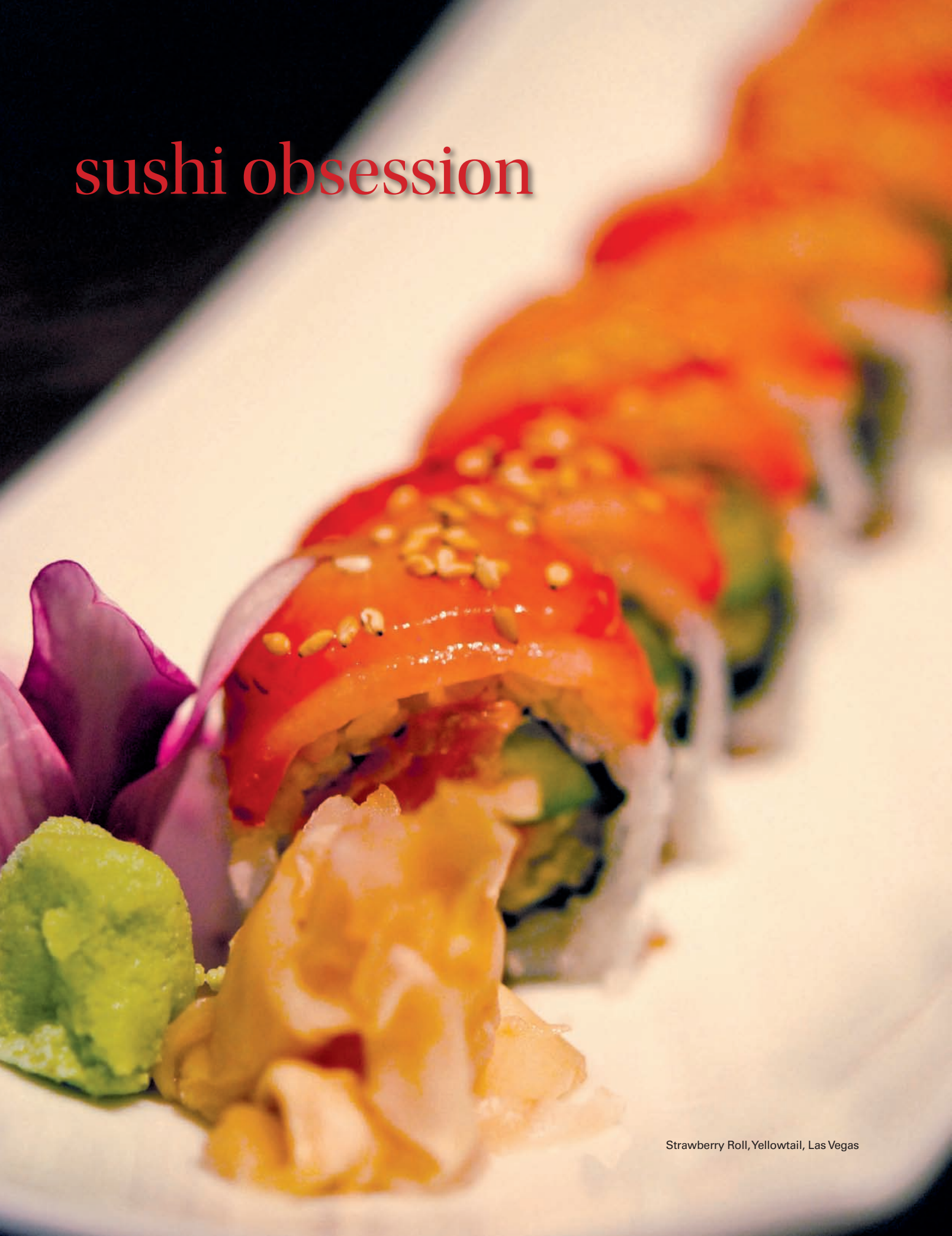
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# sushi obsession



Strawberry Roll, Yellowtail, Las Vegas





Tasmanian Salmon, Shibuya, Las Vegas



Tai Snapper, Shibuya, Las Vegas

## From Las Vegas to Reno and even Elko, Nevadans are fixated on fish.

STORY & PHOTOS BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

As ironic as it sounds—eating raw, fresh fish in a desert environment—Nevada is hooked on sushi. Nearly 150 restaurants attest to the Silver State's seemingly insatiable sushi appetite.

Getting fresh fish to Las Vegas and Reno is simple; each city is less than 300 miles from the coast and has numerous air connections. However, at more than 500 highway miles from the ocean and with all flights routed through Salt Lake City, Elko seems an exceedingly unlikely spot for sushi. That is, unless you're Ed and Merrie O'Donnell. "We wanted to open a restaurant that was like no other in the Elko area," Merrie says. "We both love sushi, so we went to the Sushi Chef Institute in Los Angeles and in August 2006 opened a small sushi bar in the Elko Regional Airport." The following January the two purchased an Italian restaurant downtown and opened The Flying Fish, Elko's only sushi destination.

With the nearest competitor up to

four hours away, one could forgive Flying Fish if it took its basically guaranteed business for granted, but to the contrary, Flying Fish offers sushi that rivals Nevada's best. Its menu includes the standards such as California, Caterpillar, and Godzilla rolls, all done with an unmistakable attention to detail. But what sets Flying Fish apart is its signature and specialty rolls—my favorite is the Demon with crab, habañero, cucum-



Salmon Nigiri, The Flying Fish, Elko

ber, avocado, scallions, and eel sauce, finished with a sinus-clearing fresh habañero aioli. As if sushi in cowboy country doesn't stand out enough, the restaurant also offers Asian fusion and Italian options. Quiche and fish tacos finish the menu and confirm what you've already guessed: The Flying Fish doesn't discriminate.

For the last decade, all-you-can-eat sushi restaurants have popped up in the Reno area in Starbucks-like proportions. They range from hole-in-the-walls with a few seats to multicounter affairs and casino-resort eateries. Hiroba, a small neighborhood sushi bar in southwest Reno, is the culmination of owner Osu Kwon's five years as a chef in Reno. "I wasn't happy working for someone else," he says. "I wanted my own restaurant." When Hiroba opened in July 2008 it had a built-in clientele of patrons who followed Kwon from his last position as a chef at Rickshaw's, another Reno





Big Eye Tuna Pizza, Yellowtail, Las Vegas



Sunflower Roll, Hiroba, Reno



Tuna Wrap, Yellowtail, Las Vegas

sushi restaurant. In a market inundated with sushi options, Hiroba sets itself apart with creative sauces, such as fresh mango, honey/wasabi, and balsamic vinegar. The sauces complete unique flavor and texture combinations in adventurous rolls such as the Tundra—crab with tempura shrimp, charred salmon, macadamia nuts, and fresh mango—and the Sunflower—spicy crab and tuna, cucumber, and special sauce, topped with banana.

In 1998, with a budget hovering around \$5,000 and a deadline of less than a week, Circus Circus Reno converted an unsuccessful restaurant bar into a sushi bar. Eleven years and two expansions later, Kokopelli's Sushi is among the best in the state. "We buy our fish the same places everyone else does," says Executive Chef Darrin McKillip. "[Our chefs] just treat it better." Kokopelli's chefs

aren't only kind to the fish, their cheery, energetic attitudes are easy on customers, bringing the restaurant a lot of return business, such as the half-dozen or so customers chatting with my chef, Priscilla, when I visited in December. Likeable chefs are only the beginning. Kokopelli's selection of specialty rolls is staggering—the Royal Flush (cooked salmon, shrimp, crab, and cream cheese) and the Basil Salmon Roll (raw and cooked salmon, jalapeños, cream cheese, and basil cream sauce) are reason enough to visit—and the chefs happily accommodate special requests. Two menu highlights unavailable at other area sushi establishments are abalone and pepper-crusted ahi.

Las Vegas is home to nearly 100 neighborhood sushi bars, but for that true "only Vegas" experience, diners should head to the Strip. Shibuya, the more upscale of two MGM Grand restaurants

offering sushi, specializes in Japanese cuisine prepared with the best ingredients available in the world. Shrimp is flown in from Florida, salmon makes the almost 8,500-mile journey from Tasmania, and even the rice is imported from Japan. What does all this frequent-flying-food mean to you?

From the ornate and extravagant Japanese Tofu to classic nigiri, not a single aspect of any dish is overlooked, making for one of the best sushi experiences in Nevada. Diners can't go wrong with *nigiri* and *sashimi*—so fresh you wouldn't be shocked if it moved—but to see Shibuya really shine, introduce your taste buds to Executive Chef Stephane Chevet's creations. Lobster and scallop in uni butter sauce and braised Kobe beef short ribs with seared *foie gras* can only be described as culinary art.

Yellowtail at the Bellagio can be



Pepper-crusted ahi and the Royal Flush, Kokopelli's, Reno





summed up in one word: cool. *Really* cool. OK, two words. The Light Group restaurant epitomizes Las Vegas chic with simple, elegant décor complementing a traditional and inspired menu. Big Eye Tuna Pizza puts a gourmet twist on an American staple, and other dishes show the whimsical side of Yellowtail—the Popping Spicy Crab Roll incorporates candy Pop Rocks. Crispy Sweet Shrimp Cigars, served with spiced honey, are as delicious as they are unique. The juxtaposition of salty *unagi* (freshwater eel) and sweet banana make the *Unagi* & Banana Roll a must-try, and fresh strawberries put out the spicy tuna fire of the Strawberry Roll. For a dining experience unlike any other on the Strip, request a table near the center of the main dining room, or better yet, on the outdoor patio, for an eye-popping view of the Bellagio fountain show. ▀

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## \*Sushi Terms To Go



**Futomaki** (foo-toh-mah-kee) – Rolled sushi, same as *maki* but a larger diameter



**Gari** (gah-ree) – Sweet, pickled ginger



**Maki** (mah-kee) – Rolled sushi, traditionally wrapped in *nori*, made with a *makisu* and sliced into six to eight pieces



**Makisu** (mah-kee-soo) – A bamboo mat used to make *maki* and *futomaki*



**Nigiri** (ni-geer-ee) – An oblong mound of rice topped or wrapped with ingredients



**Nori** (noh-ree) – Seaweed wrappers used in *futomaki*, *maki*, and *temaki*



**Sashimi** (saw-shee-mee) – Sliced, raw fish without rice



**Temaki** (te-mah-kee) – A large cone-shaped piece of *nori* filled with ingredients; commonly called a hand roll



**Tempura** (tem-poo-rah) – Battered, deep-fried fish or vegetables



**Wasabi** (wah-sah-bee) – A spicy paste made from the grated root of the *wasabi* plant, also called Japanese horseradish



Tundra Roll, Hiroba, Reno

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## SNAPSHOTS



### OFF-ROADER

#### John Harrah

Reno

In Nevada the name Harrah is associated with casino success. Equally synonymous, albeit less known, is the family's tie to motor sports. Whether it's on a snowmobile, motorcycle, or 730-horsepower V-10 Dominator desert racer, John Harrah loves going fast. "You can compare it to jumping out of an airplane," he says. "But you have that rush for hours."

In November 2008, Harrah and his racing team, Speed Technologies, won the SCORE Baja 1000, considered by many the holy grail of desert racing. "[Winning Baja] was huge," he says. The team holds top finishes in a plethora of other races, including the TSCO Vegas to Reno, and second-place finishes in Mesquite's Silver State 300 and the Henderson Fabtech Desert Classic.

Speed Technologies has been Harrah's outlet for his adrenaline addiction since 2006. The team races four rigs: The Dominator, driven by Harrah; the HMS Avenger, driven by Chuck Dempsey; the Jimco Class One V6, driven by Mark Leverett; and the Jimco Class 10, driven by Harrah's son, 17-year-old Johnny. The team also supports a motocross division. Harrah estimates the annual cost of running Speed Technologies is close to \$1 million, an expenditure offset by sponsorships. "Our new sponsor, Bully Dog Technologies, stepped up to the plate with a really good package for us," he says. "At the end of the year we'll only have to spend about \$2,000."

Harrah has also passed his passion for racing onto his daughter Kody, 15, who navigates for her dad. "I wouldn't want anyone else in the car with me," Harrah says. The motor-sports theme doesn't stop there. "I'm marrying a racer chick," Harrah says with a chuckle. His fiancé, Holly Kirchner, is also from a racing family. Her father piloted speed-boats and her two sons, Dawson, 15, and Wyatt, 12, race stadium motocross. [speed-technologies.com](http://speed-technologies.com)





## PERSONALITY

## Ira David Sternberg

Las Vegas

Las Vegas Hilton's vice president of communications and community relations, Ira David Sternberg, keeps his finger on the pulse of the city in more ways than one. Sternberg also hosts a weekly radio/television/Internet show, "Lunchtime with Ira: Live From the Las Vegas Hilton," on which he shares his love for Glitter Gulch and the people who make it the "most exciting city in the world."

**Q What do you like most about Las Vegas?**

**A** The diversity. In one day I can enjoy several events and meet several types of personalities, which cannot really be replicated anywhere else.

**Q What's your favorite Las Vegas attraction?**

**A** The city itself.

**Q What about the rest of Nevada?**

**A** I love the [Nevada Northern Railway] train in Ely.

**Q Who sticks out as your most memorable interview?**

**A** Robert Maheu because of his breadth of experience and his connections with many elements of Las Vegas society and national institutions.

For more information and show times, plus an interview with *Nevada Magazine* Publisher Janet M. Geary, visit [lunchtimewithira.com](http://lunchtimewithira.com).

—MARISA FINETTI

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## ENTREPRENEUR

## Joya Machabee

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## SNAPSHOTS



## RETIREE

## Judith Winzeler

Reno

After 24 years as executive director of Nevada Humanities, Judith Winzeler retired in January. Her tenure has been marked by myriad programs and productions including Chataqua Week in Reno, the Vegas Valley Book Festival, the popular *You Know You're a Nevadan If...* book series, and Online Nevada Encyclopedia. In 2007, Nevada Humanities published *Sagebrush Urbanity II*, Winzeler's detailed history of the organization from 1990 to 2006.

Under Winzeler's stewardship, metropolitan and rural areas around the state were given hundreds of grants to implement cultural programs. "Judy was one of the easiest people to work with in a granting organization," says Wally Cuchine, former humanities board member and operator of the Opera House and Sentinel Museum in Eureka. "I found her always there to help me with any questions, and she always seemed to know the best way to go about making the program I was working on successful."

Winzeler joined Nevada Humanities in 1977 as a program officer for Northern Nevada. In 1978, she became assistant director, and in 1980, associate director. In 1984, Winzeler was named executive director. The Nevada Humanities board of trustees is honoring Winzeler by reinstituting an annual award and naming it the Winzeler Humanities Award. It will be given each year to people and organizations making significant contributions to the support and understanding of Nevada humanities. [nevadahumanities.org](http://nevadahumanities.org)

## MARTIAL ARTIST

## Leland Brandon

Las Vegas

To Leland Brandon, martial arts is about more than breaking boards—it's an avenue to help kids lead safe and healthy lives through education about child abduction prevention. The Las Vegas tae kwon do instructor teaches self-defense to youths and families. Brandon will promote this cause during Kidz Matter, a May 17 event at the Palms Casino in Las Vegas. In the works since last April, the event also supports the community, raises college scholarships, and helps area schools. As a graduate of the American Taekwondo Association College, Brandon is committed to helping others achieve success. He's been an active scholarship fundraiser at the national and local ATA levels, and funds from Kidz Matter will help area tae kwon do students attend UNLV. [mykidzmatter.com](http://mykidzmatter.com)—KIMBERLY REISHUS



## RACER

## T.J. Bell

Sparks

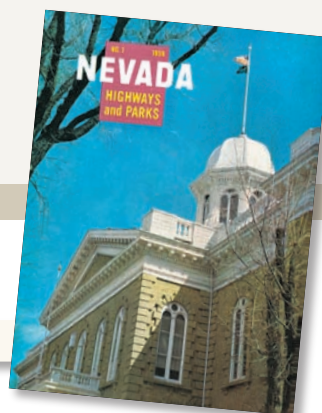


Timothy Bell Jr. began racing when he was eight years old and went on to win six consecutive Nevada state championships. The 29-year-old has since grown out of go-karts. In 1996, he was named the top driver at the Skip Barber School of Racing and four years later

posted five top-10 finishes as the youngest driver in the CART Toyota Championship Series. Bell's many accomplishments include two NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Raybestos Rookie of the Race awards in 2003; ARCA (Automobile Racing Club of America) RE/MAX Series Rookie of the Year in 2004; and a 22nd-place finish in Dover, Delaware in the NASCAR Busch Series. For the last year Bell has contributed to the Nevada Humane Society and its Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Drive. Thanks to the efforts of Bell and other volunteers, the Humane Society exceeded its goal of 1,000 pet adoptions by January 4. [tj-bell.com](http://tj-bell.com), [nevadahumanesociety.org](http://nevadahumanesociety.org)



# LOOKING BACK



No. 1 1959

50 Years Ago: We covered Governor Grant Sawyer's inauguration and the history of the Capitol building.

MARCH

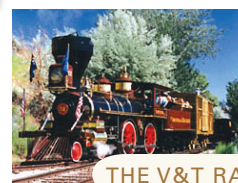
**5, 1868** – The Virginia & Truckee Railroad Company is incorporated.

**12, 1873** – President Ulysses S. Grant establishes Moapa Indian Reservation by executive order, which is later cancelled.

**17, 1897** – The Bob Fitzsimmons and “Gentleman” Jim Corbett heavyweight title fight—the first to be filmed—is held in Carson City.

**19, 1931** – Governor Fred Balzar approves the “wide open” gambling bill introduced by Assemblyman Phil Tobin, thereby establishing legalized gambling in Nevada.

**26, 1929** – The state flag design is adopted with a five-point silver star between two sprays of sagebrush crossed to form a half wreath; across the top of the wreath is a golden scroll with the words “Battle Born.” The name “Nevada” is beneath the star.



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APRIL

**3, 1860** – All Pony Express relay stations are ready and manned from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California (roughly following U.S. 50 through Nevada), a distance of 1,966 miles.

**7, 1881** – Agents of the Carson & Colorado Railroad put together a tent town for potential buyers of lots in what later became Hawthorne, named for W.A. Hawthorne of the aforementioned railroad.

**8, 1879** – Reno is incorporated as a town in Washoe County.

**14, 1887** – The private power outfit Reno Electric Light Company began operating the first electric street lamps in Nevada.

**17, 1926** – Las Vegas is connected to the outside world by airmail. The Western Air Express flight from Los Angeles takes two hours and 30 minutes and lands at the Rockwell Field airstrip, which is now part of the Sahara parking lot.

**27, 1910** – Residents of Midas are jolted from bed at 3:30 a.m. when a blast rocks the countryside. Dick Avery, a nightshift miner at the Rex Mine, had fastened a bundle of oil-soaked cloth on a long pole, which he lit to trick the townspeople into thinking it was Halley's Comet. He woke them by detonating a stick of dynamite. His ruse was so convincing that everyone thought they had actually seen the comet.

*Nevada Magazine* volunteer Elmer Wolf provided this information.



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Harrah's Laughlin invites guests to fish for cash—appropriate for a hotel-casino surrounded by water—or Bonus Reward Credits as part of its new “Reel ‘Em In” promotion. Through April 10, guests can enter for a chance to win a share of \$60,000 in cash and credits. Total Rewards members may swipe their card once each day at promotional kiosks Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between noon and 5 p.m. Members will receive an additional swipe for every 50 Base Reward Credits earned.

In addition, members can sign up a friend or family member for a first-time Total Rewards membership and receive matched Reward Credits based on the new member's play. New members will receive one free swipe into the promotion on the next valid promotional day and those who earn 50 Base Reward Credits within the first 24 hours after signing up will receive an additional swipe.

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card at the promotional kiosk, guests will be shown a set of three reels displayed on a screen. Winning hands will receive a printed ticket redeemable at the cashier cage for Reel Rewards or cash. Bonus Reward Credit winners will receive credits in their account within 48 hours. Winning Reel Rewards and cash tickets are redeemable at the

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The Golden Nugget, Las Vegas

### Golden Opportunity

The Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas recently kicked off its 24-Karat Club promotion, which allows new members to instantly win up to \$1,000 in Free Slot Play. Members receive a free promotional slot-machine spin instantly upon joining, awarding Free Slot Play in denominations ranging from \$5 to \$1,000. The same promotion is available at the Golden Nugget's Laughlin property. [golden-nugget.com](http://golden-nugget.com), 800-634-3454 (Las Vegas), 800-950-7700 (Laughlin)

### Take The Action Home

For those who prefer the comforts of home, but still want to experience the

thrill of gaming, Horizon Casino Resort in South Lake Tahoe will sell old slot and video poker games such as Ducks in a Row, Fishin' Buddies, 1-cent Multi-Game Winning Touch, Ultimate Keno, and others. The casino also features weekly blackjack tournaments.

[horizoncasino.com](http://horizoncasino.com), 800-648-3322

### Blackjack Tournament Series

Harrah's Reno and Harrah's Lake Tahoe are hosting \$120,000 blackjack tournaments through June. Six tournaments have a prize pool of \$20,000 each, and the last four will take place March 29 and May 31 (Reno) and April 19 and June 14 (Lake Tahoe).

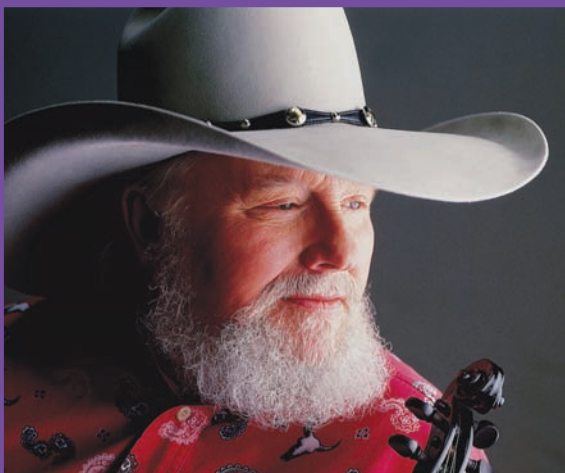
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## eco-friendly eatery

Las Vegas' Create mixes gourmet with green.

STORY & PHOTOS  
BY VERONICA HENRY

Five years ago, an idea began brewing in longtime restaurateur Lance Graulich's mind. After two decades of work with the likes of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Fatburger, and Wingstop, he decided it was time to venture out on his own. "There's nothing like controlling your own destiny," Graulich says.

His restaurant, Create, fits into a dining category he calls "fast casual." It's somewhere between fast food and more expensive casual-dining restaurants. Create specializes in gourmet hamburgers—made with the freshest ingredients and a laundry list of toppings and sauces—and

custards in a variety of flavors. A look around the industry confirmed what he already thought—few businesses operated in this space, and those that did were pricey.

But Graulich didn't stop at family-friendly, affordable food in a welcoming environment. His persistent thoughts of community and social responsibility pushed him to make Create eco-friendly. He ignored initial concerns about cost and delved into years of painstaking research. In fact, when he started, things looked bleak. "Most of the products we needed just didn't exist," he says. But over time, after seemingly endless Google searches, Graulich hit pay dirt.

First, he found cups made of corn online and coincidentally, his distributor, US Foods, was already considering the product. He became US Foods' first customer for the 100-percent compostable cups. Next, he found disposable silverware and straws, also made of corn. Graulich had combed through many articles that named the restaurant industry as one of the country's biggest environmental offenders. About 60 percent of the waste is cardboard. He would need to find cardboard and paper suitable for recycling. This selection process proved daunting as many paper products contain chemicals, such as chlorine bleach, which render them unrecyclable.



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Lance Graulich, Create owner



As a result of Graulich's efforts, Create is a zero-waste facility, recycling all cardboard, paper, and plastic. Nothing ends up in a landfill. The effect has been above-average to-go and packaging costs, but Graulich hopes that in the long run, as more people patronize the restaurant, increased sales will close that gap. To further reduce Create's carbon footprint and energy usage, the restaurant employs a low-energy, low-temperature dishwasher.

Soon, the menu at Create will see the addition of chicken and a high-quality hot dog. Graulich plans to expand to 18 stores in Las Vegas, Utah, California, and Arizona in the next five years, "I want to create an experience for customers that they can't get anywhere else," he says. ▀

## NEVADA STILL ATTRACTIVE TO ENTREPRENEURS

According to the Small Business Survival Index 2008, "The U.S. economy is in a serious downturn, and the outlook for a robust recovery seems remote. That means state and local policymakers face some very difficult decisions."

In light of the annual report's bleak forecast, Nevada ranks as the second-friendliest entrepreneurial state compared to the other 49 and the District of Columbia. South Dakota finished first in the study, which rates states based on 34 government-imposed or related costs.

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# BASEBALL



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# IN THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY

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## 1950 RENO SILVER SOX

**Back Row**—L to R—Chub Drakulich, 2b; Mark Torres, p; Charles Closs, p; Dick Zaccarelli, ss; James Dykes, of.

**Middle Row**—L to R—Joe Borich, c & mgr.; Marvin Diercks, of; Ellis Daughtery, of; Robert Trestler, p; Marvin Drees, c.

**Front Row**—L to R—Wayne Hinckley, pres.; Samuel Stassi, 3b; Pat Monahan, p; William Seward, p; Ed Whitney, 1b; Tony Filippo, of; Mead Walker, bus. mgr.

Bobbie Blakeslee, bat boy

# if you build it...

Professional baseball was born in Reno in 1947. Starting in April, a new era begins with the arrival of the Reno Aces Triple-A club.

BY ERIC KARLAN

Recent generations in Reno have cheered on the Blackjacks, Chukars, and Silver Sox. When the Aces take the field in April, however, a whole new ball game begins.

For nearly two decades, local fans have watched independent league teams unaffiliated with any of the 30 Major League Baseball teams. The Reno Aces are a Triple-A franchise—the highest level of baseball in Reno history—meaning the players are one step away from the big time. “The kind of level they played before and Triple-A are so different,” says longtime *Reno Gazette-Journal* sportswriter Steve Sneddon, who recently retired. And thus, after a 17-year drought, a new chapter begins for professional baseball in the Biggest Little City.

Professional baseball first came to Reno in 1947 with the formation of the Class C Sunset League. The Reno Silver Sox, a charter member and affiliate of the New York Giants, finished its first season at 69-69. The club placed fourth in the six-team league under manager Thomas Lloyd.

The following season, Reno bested its instate rival, the Las Vegas Wranglers, in a best-of-five championship for the league title—after finishing just third in the regular-season standings. Earlier in the season, the team experienced a different type of excitement when they were stopped at the Mexican-American





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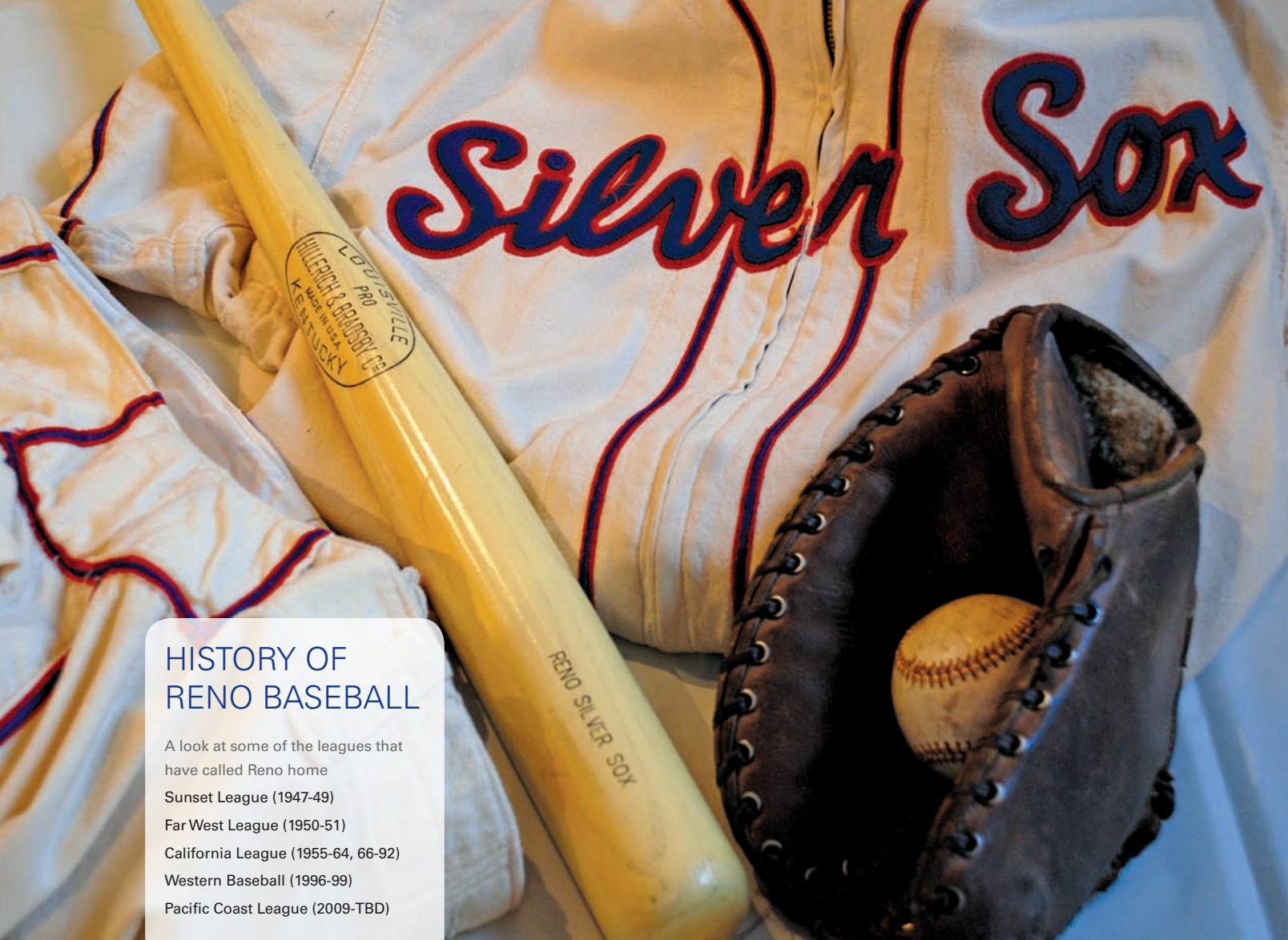


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## HISTORY OF RENO BASEBALL

A look at some of the leagues that  
have called Reno home

Sunset League (1947-49)

Far West League (1950-51)

California League (1955-64, 66-92)

Western Baseball (1996-99)

Pacific Coast League (2009-TBD)

border en route to a May 8 game in Mexicali. By the time immigration questions were resolved, the game had to be postponed until the following day. In 1949, Reno faltered in its title defense, placing next to last. The following spring, the Silver Sox joined the Far West League as an independent club (see photo on page 48) and lasted just two seasons.

Professional baseball returned to Reno on July 1, 1955, when the Channel Cities Oilers relocated in the midst of a horrid season and took on the Silver Sox moniker. While local baseball nuts celebrated the city's midseason acquisition, they were bewildered by the team's dismal last-place finish in the Class C California League—63 1/2 games out of first with a 40-106 record.

Fortunes changed in 1956 as the Sox posted a winning record playing in the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system. The following season, Francis Boniar ended his 1957 campaign with a .436 batting average, a California League record.

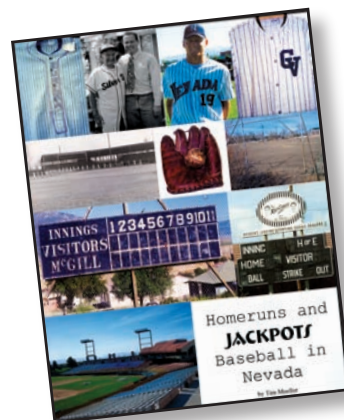
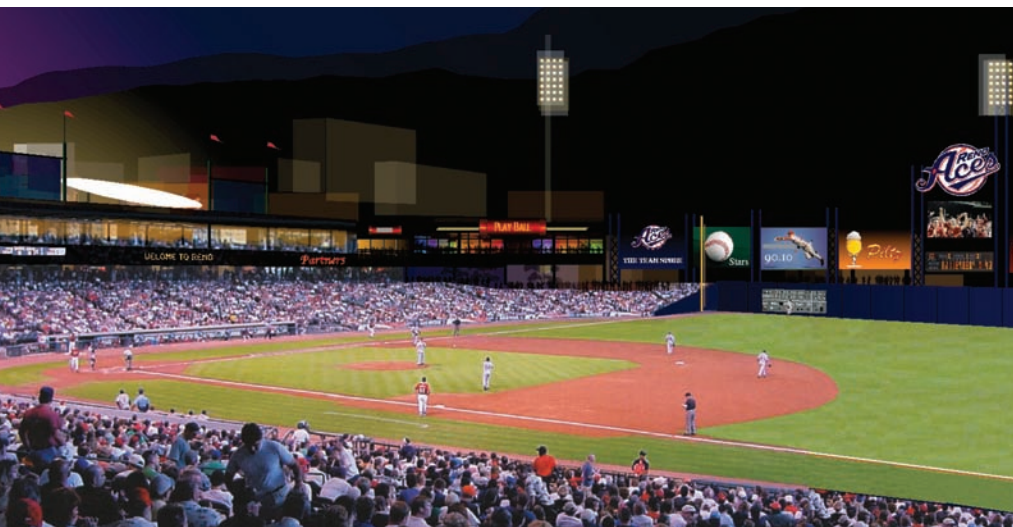
At the turn of the decade, it looked as if Reno was on the verge of establishing a dynasty. In 1960, the Silver Sox ended the regular season with a 14-game lead and the league's best record (89-51). The club was propelled by the pitching of California League MVP Robert Arrighi—whose untiring arm threw in a

league record 69 games—and Rookie of the Year Thad Tillotson (19 wins). Meanwhile, outfielder Lowell Barnhart led the league in runs (116), hits (185), and RBIs (109).

The Sox outdid themselves in 1961, finishing 97-43 and outdistancing the competition by 15 games. Reno celebrated its second MVP in as many seasons, shortstop Don Williams, who topped the league in every hitting category, including a .363 batting average and 144 RBIs. Meanwhile, Rookie of the Year Dick Nen provided power with a league-high 32 home runs, and Bruce Gardner bested the competition with 20 wins and a 2.82 ERA. Little did anyone know that these would be the brightest years of Reno professional baseball for the next three decades.

In the final seasons before Reno faded from the California League in 1992, the Silver Sox plummeted into mediocrity. A perennially average squad, the team's only championships came in 1975 and 1976 as an unaffiliated franchise.

Reno experienced an unfortunate run of playing in unsuccessful minor-league farm systems. From 1964 to 1974, the cellar-dwelling Cleveland Indians served as the parent club, followed by the San Diego Padres from 1977 to 1987—a team that salvaged a winning record only three times during that span. "The crowds were usually small," remembers Sneddon on cover-



#### IN THE WORKS

Carson City resident Tim Mueller is working on a book about the history of Nevada baseball tentatively titled, "Homeruns and Jackpots: Baseball In Nevada." He provided the 1940s Silver Sox jersey on the opposite page. For more information, e-mail him at [tim\\_mueller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tim_mueller@sbcglobal.net).

ing the Silver Sox. "The best crowds were when there was a promotion of some kind, giving something away. The Silver Sox were just taken for granted, being there since 1947."

Despite the losing, there were bright spots. "Quite a few prospects came up in the California League," Sneddon says. "That was the best part, seeing some of those guys move up. In [Single-A] ball, when somebody is not winning, it's not the Major Leagues. The idea is to produce players."

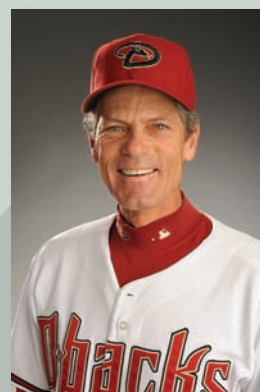
Playing professionally from 1988 to 1992 as an unaffiliated team in the California League did not help the Silver Sox. Continued losing and low attendance forced the franchise to move and become the Bakersfield Blaze. Over the next 15 years, independent teams placated fans. All the while, Reno sought a return to the ranks of a major-league farm system. At the conclusion of the 2006 season, there came a light at the end of the tunnel.

Despite on-field success in the Pacific Coast League, the Tucson Sidewinders (Triple-A affiliate for the Arizona Diamondbacks and PCL champs in 2007) struggled to attract fans during the Arizona summer heat. In a short time, Tucson's follies became Stuart Katzoff's fortune. Seeking to buy a professional sports team, Katzoff headed a group dubbed SK Baseball, LLC, purchased the Sidewinders, and turned to Reno for relocation. "As I learned more about Reno, I realized it was a sports-hungry town with no professional sports," says owner and managing partner Katzoff. "Reno is passionate about its sports, like University of Nevada, Reno basketball and football. We only had two main concerns: weather and population."

But a market without any professional teams in a city on the rise was too good to pass up. Katzoff resolved to move

## BUTLER WILL LEAD ACES IN DEBUT SEASON

In Reno's first season, a former Major League All-Star will be helping Aces players fulfill their dreams of making it to the big leagues. Brett Butler, a standout leadoff hitter for 17 years and one of only 26 players to record 500 stolen bases and 2,000 hits,



will lead the Aces as manager in their inaugural campaign—and will have a premier home facility to do it in. "I walked through the stadium today, and wow..." Butler said at a Meet the Manager dinner held at the Reno Ballroom on January 21. "They spared no expense. It's going to be state of the art." Butler is no stranger to managing or the Diamondbacks organization. He previously managed Arizona's Class-A Lancaster JetHawks in 2006 and the Double-A Mobile BayBears in 2007.

BRETT BUTLER





## RENO ACES LINEAGE

### 105-year history

San Francisco Seals  
Phoenix Giants  
Tacoma Firebirds  
Tucson Sidewinders  
Reno Aces

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
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the Tucson ball club north following the 2008 season, bringing a storied lineage along with it. The Aces trace their roots to San Francisco in 1905, when the Seals became inaugural members of the Pacific Coast League. The Seals moved to Phoenix in 1958 when the New York Giants moved to San Francisco. Aside from a six-season stint in Tacoma, Washington, the team remained in Phoenix through 1997 until the Diamondbacks arrived, forcing a relocation to Tucson.

Now, thanks to the hard work of SK Baseball—which recently purchased Reno's NBA Development team, the Bighorns—and city officials, professional baseball is back in Reno. While bringing back the Silver Sox moniker was tempting, SK Baseball chose to establish a new identity. Starting with a clean slate, ownership held an online name-the-team contest; they received more than 3,500 entries and 1,100 unique submissions during May 2008. In the end, one name stuck out: the Aces. The nickname touts a regional connection with the gambling industry, and, in the realm of baseball, an "ace" is the best pitcher on a team's roster—something Reno will need in 2009 to reverse Tucson's last-place woes in 2008.

Aside from providing a source of entertainment, the Aces—and the team's new \$50-million ballpark—represent the key ingredient to revitalizing the Freight House District, the area immediately east of the downtown casino district. Built at the northeast corner of Evans Avenue and East Second Street, Aces Ballpark will hold approximately 9,000—two-and-a-half times the capacity of Moana Stadium. With tickets ranging from \$6 to \$29, fans can choose from 6,500 fixed seats (including party decks along the left-field line and center-field bullpen) or a grassy berm behind right field that holds an additional 2,500 people. There will also be a Kids Zone beyond center field.

Plans for the ballpark district include a wide range of retail, three restaurants, three nightclubs, and an outdoor events plaza to ensure the area remains a hotspot for locals even during the offseason. "Being the major professional sports team in Reno, we should treat it like a Major League franchise," Katzoff says. "That's how we went about creating the stadium and logo." The Aces will visit the Salt Lake Bees on April 9 in their inaugural game, then return to Reno for the franchise home opener on April 17. ■

Pacific Coast League Teams & Affiliates	
	<b>Albuquerque Isotopes</b> Los Angeles Dodgers
	<b>Colorado Springs Sky Sox</b> Colorado Rockies
	<b>Fresno Grizzlies</b> San Francisco Giants
	<b>Iowa Cubs</b> Chicago Cubs
	<b>Las Vegas 51s</b> Toronto Blue Jays
	<b>Memphis Redbirds</b> St. Louis Cardinals
	<b>Nashville Sounds</b> Milwaukee Brewers
	<b>New Orleans Zephyrs</b> Florida Marlins
	<b>Oklahoma City RedHawks</b> Texas Rangers
	<b>Omaha Royals</b> Kansas City Royals
	<b>Portland Beavers</b> San Diego Padres
	<b>Reno Aces</b> Arizona Diamondbacks
	<b>Round Rock Express</b> Houston Astros
	<b>Sacramento River Cats</b> Oakland A's
	<b>Salt Lake Bees</b> Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim
	<b>Tacoma Rainiers</b> Seattle Mariners

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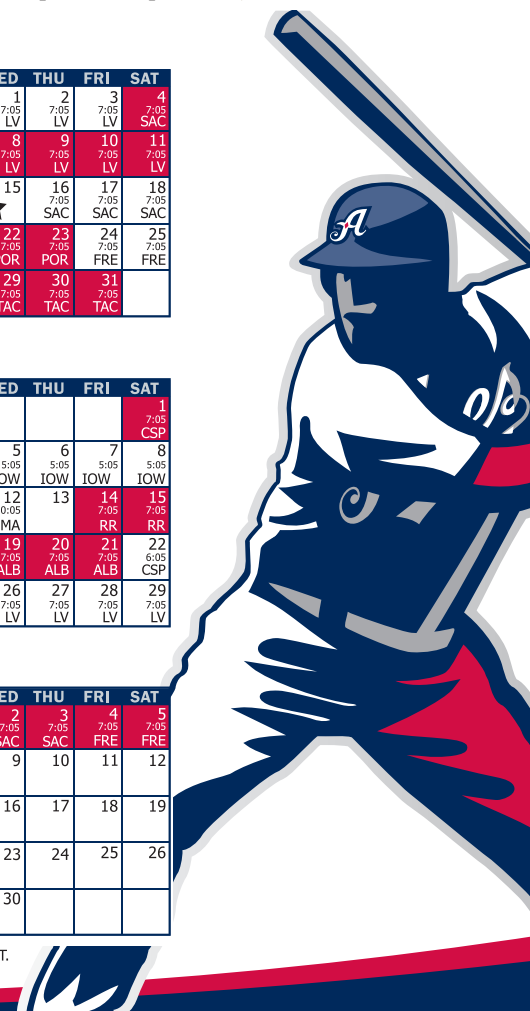


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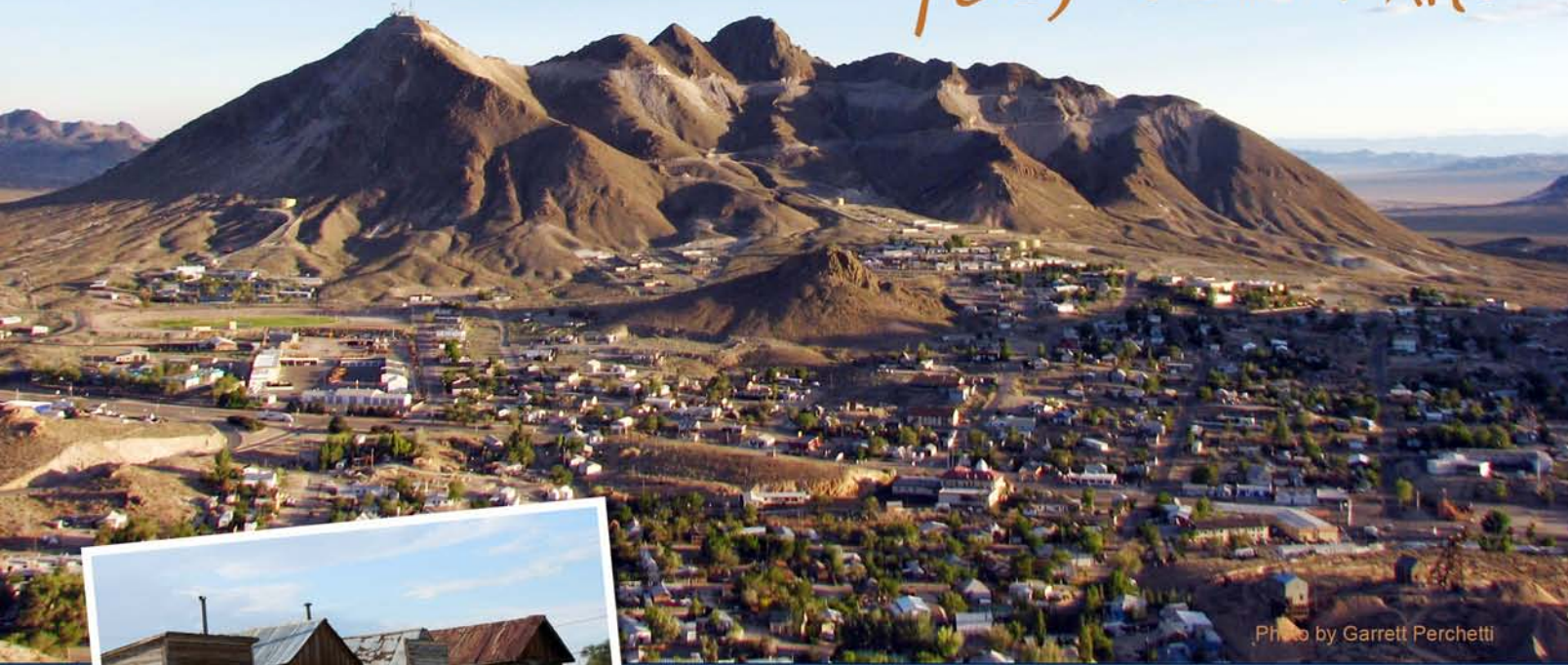


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# SENSATIONAL SOX

1961 was an exciting year for Reno baseball.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

The 1961 Reno Silver Sox's 97-43 finish is the best record achieved during more than six decades of professional baseball in Reno. Thanks to the efforts of some of the best players to pass through the city—four eventually moved on to the majors—the club was named one of the 100 best teams in the history of minor league baseball by MiLB.com.

On the way to the team's second consecutive California League championship, shortstop Don Williams was named MVP, and first baseman Dick Nen's league-leading 32 homers and 144 RBIs earned him Rookie of the Year honors. Nen reached the majors in 1963 with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Pitcher Joe Moeller went 12-3 with five shutouts in the first half of 1961 before moving up to Greenville, South Carolina, Spokane, Washington, and in 1962, the Dodgers. Moeller, who pitched eight years in Los Angeles, including an appearance in the 1966 World Series against the Baltimore Orioles, has fond memories of Reno. "Reno was great," he says. "Of course, it's always fun when you win as much as we did." Moeller reminisces about a doubleheader in which Nen hit home runs to win both games. "We had such an outstanding ball club," he says.

Sadly, not all the stories from the 1961 team are so cheerful. Pitching star Bruce Gardner, whose 50-5 record at USC earned him recognition as an All-American, went 20-4 with a 2.82 ERA in 1961. In 1962, Gardner suffered an injury to his pitching arm while serving in the Army but continued to play minor-league ball until he was released after the 1964 season. In 1971, Gardner committed suicide on the baseball field of his alma mater.

Other standouts who moved on to the majors include third baseman Ken McMullen and catcher Hector Valle. McMullen played the longest, 16 years with the Dodgers, Senators, Angels, A's, and Brewers, batting .248 in 1,583 games with 156 home runs.

Although it would take a lot to equal the performance of the 1961 team, Moeller and Nen agree that Reno and Triple-A baseball are a good fit. "The fans were really supportive," Nen says. "I wish the [Aces] the best of luck. This is going to be great for the city."

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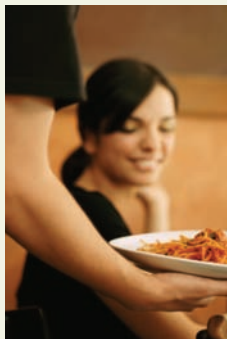
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# from the steakhouse to the penthouse

Ventriloquist Terry Fator has come a long way from his humble Nevada beginnings.

BY MIKE WEATHERFORD

Sure, it looks like Terry Fator is the closest thing to an overnight success that anyone can be in Las Vegas—especially a ventriloquist.

But Fator has performed in Nevada for years. You can be forgiven for not remembering he once played a steakhouse in the Excalibur—or even the Clark County Fair in Logandale. “I played the fair maybe six times,” says the entertainer, who settled into a five-year run at The Mirage on February 14, taking over the Danny Gans Theatre from the impressionist (who moved to Encore Las Vegas).

Three years ago, Fator finished his stint at the fair and drove to Las Vegas to “see a different headline show. I felt that I had what it took to headline here,” he recalls. He was not discouraged. “I called my wife and said, ‘Hey, I really think I’m gonna be a big deal in Las Vegas.’”

Watching Gans in particular, Fator started mentally crosschecking the list of celebrity impressions he could do. He and manager John McEntee came to their eureka moment: Fator already was a great ventriloquist, but why not have his puppets do singing impressions? “It’s what really spurred me to get serious and motivated and rewrite my show,” Fator says.

But Las Vegas entertainment buyers didn’t take Fator seriously until he steamrolled through the second season



of NBC’s “America’s Got Talent” in summer 2007. The first time Fator walked out on the talent show’s stage, celebrity judge David Hasselhoff shook his head and said, “Oh no, a ventriloquist.” Hasselhoff changed his tune when Fator’s cute little pigtailed girl puppet blasted out Etta James’ “At Last.” Fator never looked back, and the Las Vegas Hilton booked him, even before knowing the outcome of the TV-talent contest.

Fator says his year of monthly Hilton engagements helped him tune up for his gig at The Mirage. “If you look at what my show is compared to what it was, it’s ridiculous how much more improved it is,” he says, “and that’s because I was able to experiment with [diverse] Las Vegas audiences.

“I don’t like to do regional-type stuff anyway,” adds the Texan, whose oldest

ventriloquist dummy is a cowboy puppet named Walter T. Airdale. “I’ve never been in one area. I’ve always traveled. Las Vegas is perfect for me because I’ve always had to [base] my humor [on] what people are going to get everywhere. And that’s tricky business, to come up with humor that is universal.”

Since he won “America’s Got Talent,” Fator has enjoyed revisiting West Wendover and other Nevada cities he frequented during his 13 years on the road with a country outfit called Texas the Band. “To go into all these places as a headliner, how can I possibly describe the feelings of satisfaction? After so many years of those two-drink-mini-mum bars, it’s incredible,” he says.

One gig Fator doesn’t miss is a brief sojourn in a country-themed steakhouse that has long since departed the Excalibur. “It was miserable,” he says. He remembers the show band being told, “We want you to stand there and play soft country music.”

He still doesn’t know why his group was hired for that one, but he has no complaints these days. It’s like he told the people at “America’s Got Talent,” even before he won: “If you’ve worked for 40 years for something, and you have any brains at all, you will sit and enjoy it and not gripe about something. You’ll sit there and drink it all in and say, ‘Man, this is great.’

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BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

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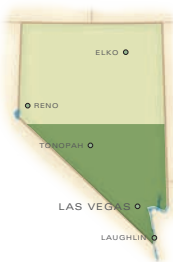
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Rio All-Suite  
riolasvegas.com  
888-746-7482

### **CineVegas From the Vault**

Free movie screenings  
Clark County Library  
"4th and Life,"  
Thru March 4  
"The Living Wake,"  
Starts March 5  
cinevegas.com  
888-8VEGAS8



★ ONGOING continued

**"Country Superstars Tribute"**

Fitzgeralds  
Dark Fri. & Sat.  
countrysuperstars  
tribute.com  
800-274-5825

**"Crazy Girls"**

Topless revue  
Riviera  
Dark Tues.  
rivierahotel.com  
800-634-6753

**"Crazy Horse Paris"**

Topless revue  
MGM Grand  
Dark Tues.  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**"CRISS ANGEL Believe" by Cirque du Soleil**

Luxor  
Dark Sun., Mon.,  
& March 10  
cirquedusoleil.com  
800-288-1000

**Danny Gans**

Encore  
Dark Mon.,  
Thurs., & Sun.  
encorelasvegas.com  
888-320-7110

**David Spade**

The Venetian  
April 2-4, 9-11, 30-May 2  
venetian.com  
866-641-7469

**"Defending the Caveman"**

Excalibur  
Dark Mon.  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**The Dixie Boys**

Laughlin  
Colorado Belle  
Thurs.-Sun.  
coloradobelle.com  
877-460-0777

**Donn Arden's "Jubilee!"**

Bally's Las Vegas  
Dark Fri.  
ballyslasvegas.com  
800-237-SHOW

**Donny & Marie Osmond**

Flamingo Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-732-2111

**"Dr. Scott Lewis' Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist"**

Riviera  
Mon.  
rivierahotel.com  
800-634-6753

**"Fab Four Live"**

Beatles Tribute  
V Theater at Planet  
Hollywood  
Dark Thurs.  
varietytheater.com  
702-932-1818

**"Fantasy"**

Topless revue  
Luxor  
Nightly  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

**First Friday Art Celebration**

Downtown Arts District  
First Fri. of each month  
firstfriday-lasvegas.org  
702-384-0092

**"Fitz of Laughter," starring Kevin Burke**

Fitzgeralds  
fitzgeraldslasvegas.com  
800-274-5825

**"Folies Bergere"**

Topless & covered shows  
Tropicana  
Dark Sun.  
Closes March 28  
tropicalanalv.com  
800-634-4000

**George Wallace**

Flamingo Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
harrahs.com  
800-732-2111

**Gregory Popovich's "Comedy Pet Theater"**

V Theater at  
Planet Hollywood  
Dark Wed. & Thurs.  
varietytheater.com  
702-932-1818



ONGOING

**"Defending the Caveman"**

Excalibur  
Dark Mon.  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

"DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN," Broadway's smash hit about the sexes, will begin a permanent performance schedule at Excalibur. This production is a hilariously insightful play about the ways men and women relate. It offers sidesplitting opinions on contemporary feminism, masculine sensitivity, and the erogenous zone.

**(13-15) Dutch Oven Cook-Off**

Cathedral Gorge,  
Lincoln County  
parks.nv.gov/cg.htm  
775-728-4460

**(13-15) Sha Na Na**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Laughlin**

Harrah's Laughlin  
harrahslaughlin.com  
702-298-8510

**Short line Express Jr. Dragster Series**

Bandolero & Legend  
Cars Drags  
Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**Terry Fator**

Grand Opening  
The Mirage  
themirage.com  
702-792-7777

14 SATURDAY

**Bracket Series Race No. 1**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**Charlie Murphy**

Mandalay Bay

**Village Beer Fest**

MonteLago Village  
Hosted by Buckbean  
Brewing Company  
montelagovillage.com  
702-564-4785

**(14-15)**

**Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay**

Pahrump  
pahrumphchamber.com  
866-722-5800

15 SUNDAY

**Bracket Series Race No. 2**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

18

**(18-22)**

**Silver Dollar Circuit 2009**

Quarterhorse show  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

19

**(19-22)**

**Mopars at The Strip**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**(19-April 1)**

**Tom Jones**

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

20

**Midnight Mayhem**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**Senior Resource Carnival**

Pahrump  
Pahrump Nugget

pahrumpchamber.com  
866-722-5800

(20-21)

**The Fab**

Tribute to The Beatles  
Eastside Cannery  
eastsidecannery.com  
702-856-5300

(20-21)

**Jay Leno**

The Mirage  
themirage.com  
702-792-7777

(20-22)

**An Evening with Clint  
Holmes & Musical  
Director Bill Fayne**

Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
702-636-7111

(20-22)

**Don Rickles**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-ORLEANS

(20-22)

**Las Vegas Coin,  
Currency, Jewelry,  
& Stamp Expo**

Imperial Palace

bickinternational.com  
866-226-0507

(20-22)

**Red Rock  
Rendezvous**

Red Rock National  
Conservation Area  
redrockrendezvous.com  
800-829-2009

(20-22)

**Vicki Lawrence**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

(20-22)

**The Wheel Deal**

Pahrump  
Nevada Treasure  
Luxury RV Resort  
pahrumpchamber.com  
866-722-5800

**21  
SATURDAY**

**Babyface &  
Jordan Sparks**

Primm  
Buffalo Bill's



ONGOING

**George Wallace**

Flamingo Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
harrahs.com  
800-732-2111

**GEORGE WALLACE IS IN HIS FIFTH YEAR** at the Flamingo Las Vegas. He shares his personal thoughts, ideas, favorite places to eat and shop, and much more. The show runs five days a week, is 90 minutes long, and anyone older than five can attend. For more information about Wallace and his show, check out this issue's Web Extra story on [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).

primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-FUN-STOP

**22  
SUNDAY**

**Frankie De Vita**  
Planet Hollywood

planethollywoodresort.  
com  
877-333-9474

**26**

**Laughlin River  
Stampede**

Laughlin  
laughlinchamber.com  
800-308-2253

(26-29)

**Mint 400**

Off-road race &  
related events  
themint400.com

(26-29)

**Neil Sedaka**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-ORLEANS

**27**

**Bracket Test 'n' Tune**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**Student Dance  
Concert**

College of Southern  
Nevada Performing  
Arts Center  
csn.edu/pac  
702-651-LIVE

(27-28)

**Goodfellas**

Eastside Cannery  
eastsidecannery.com  
702-856-5100

(27-28)

**Monster Jam  
World Finals**

Sam Boyd Stadium  
unlvtickets.com  
702-739-3267

(27-28)

**Next Movement—  
R&B Review**

North Las Vegas  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
866-287-4643

(27-28)

**Ray Romano  
& Kevin James**

The Mirage  
themirage.com  
702-792-7777

(27-28)

**Sheena Easton**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

(27-29)

**The Osmond  
Brothers**

Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
702-636-7111



ONGOING

**"PEEPSHOW"**

Planet Hollywood  
Opens March 30  
Dark Wed.  
planethollywoodresort.com  
877-333-9474

**STARRING POP SUPERSTAR** and television personality Mel B and sultry television siren Kelly Monaco, "PEEPSHOW" is a highly stylized modern burlesque show. "PEEPSHOW" combines sexy striptease and celebrity with high-level production values and a dash of passion. There is an opening-night gala planned for the new ongoing show on April 18.









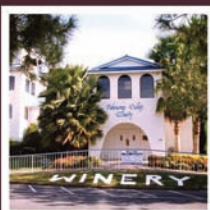
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APRIL

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### "Morelli & His Music"

Las Vegas Academy High School Auditorium  
jllv.org  
702-822-6536

**FAMOUS 1950S AND '60S NAMES LIKE FRANK, Dean, Joey, and Sammy all ruled The Strip. In some of their off time they enjoyed relaxing in the home of Antonio Morelli, the orchestra conductor and music director for the Sands Hotel during the Rat Pack's heyday. At one point, Morelli's midcentury home was set to be destroyed. At the same time, the Junior League of Las Vegas needed a permanent home. So it focused its time and money resurrecting this classic home. On April 2, the Las Vegas community will celebrate Morelli (leaning on the piano), his music, and his home.**

## 28 SATURDAY

### Earth Hour

Essential lighting turned off in Las Vegas, 8:30 p.m.  
earthhourus.org

### Bracket Series Race No. 3

Las Vegas Motor Speedway

lvms.com  
800-644-4444

### Less Than Jake

Mandalay Bay House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

### Short Line Express Jr. Dragster Series

Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

## 29 SUNDAY

### Bracket Series Race No. 4

Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

### Saints & Sinners Tour '09

Mandalay Bay House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

APRIL

1

### (1-5) Glass Craft & Bead Expo

South Point Casino  
glasscraftexpo.com

### Mark Willis

Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
riversideresort.com  
702-298-2535

2

### "Morelli & His Music"

Las Vegas Academy High School Auditorium  
jllv.org  
702-822-6536

### (2-5) NHRA SummitRacing.com Nationals

Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

3

### The Fab Performs The Beatles' "White Album"

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
866-287-4643

## ★ ONGOING continued

### Hypnosis Unleashed

Planet Hollywood Nightly  
harmontheater.com  
877-333-9474

### "ICE"—Direct from Russia

Ice skating & aerial acrobatics  
Riviera  
Dark Fri.  
rivierahotel.com  
702-794-9433

### "Jersey Boys"

The Venetian  
Dark Wed.  
venetian.com  
866-641-SHOW

### "KÀ" by Cirque du Soleil

MGM Grand  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
cirquedusoleil.com  
866-774-7117

### "Lance Burton: Master Magician"

Monte Carlo  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
montecarlo.com  
702-730-7160

### Las Vegas Wranglers

ECHL hockey  
The Orleans  
March 13-14, 17, 20-21, 24, & 27  
April 3-4  
lasvegaswranglers.com  
800-675-3267

### "Laugh Out Loud with the Scintas"

Las Vegas Hilton  
Dark Thurs.  
lvhilton.com  
800-732-7117

### "Le Rêve"

Wynn Las Vegas  
Dark Tues. & Wed.  
wynnlasvegas.com  
888-320-7110

### "Legends in Concert"

Celebrity tribute  
Harrah's Las Vegas  
Nightly  
harrahslasvegas.com  
800-392-9002

### Live Music in the Courtyard

Mandalay Bay House of Blues  
Wed. & Thurs.  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7600

### The Living Garden

Three female performers  
The Palazzo  
Daily  
palazzolasvegas.com  
702-414-4334

### "Louie Anderson: Larger Than Life"

Excalibur  
Dark Fri. & Sat.  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

### "Lucky Cheng's Dinner Show"

Planet Hollywood  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
harmontheater.com  
877-333-9474

### Mac King Comedy Magic Show

Harrah's Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
harrahs.com  
800-427-7247

### "Madame Meg's Find Your Sexy"

Planet Hollywood  
Dark Fri. & Sat.  
madamemeg.com  
877-333-9474

### "Marriage Can Be Murder"

Four Queens  
Dark Sun.  
marriagecanbemurder.com  
800-634-6045

### Master Mystifier Dixie Dooley

Royal Resort  
Dark Sun.-Tues.  
houdiniexperience.com  
800-634-6118

### "Menopause: The Musical"

Las Vegas Hilton  
Daily  
lvhilton.com  
800-732-7117



★ ONGOING continued

**"The Mentalist—  
Gerry McCambridge"**

Hooters  
Dark Fri.  
hooterslv.com  
866-584-6687

**"Mesmerized"**

Comedy & hypnosis  
V Theater at  
Planet Hollywood  
Dark Fri.  
varietytheater.com  
877-333-9474

**Mesquite Days 2009**

April 23-May 30  
mesquitenv.com  
702-346-5295

**Motown Fridays**

North Las Vegas  
Jerry's Nugget  
jerrysnugget.com  
702-399-3000

**"Mystère"  
by Cirque du Soleil**

Treasure Island  
Dark Thurs. & Fri.  
cirquedusoleil.com  
800-392-1999

**"Nathan Burton  
Comedy Magic"**

Flamingo Las Vegas  
Dark Mon. & Thurs.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
702-733-3333

**Neil Diamond Tribute  
starring Jay White**

Riviera  
Dark Fri. & Sat.  
rivierahotel.com  
800-634-6753

**"O" by Cirque  
du Soleil**

Bellagio  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
cirquedusoleil.com  
888-488-7111

**"PEEPSHOW"**

Planet Hollywood  
Opens March 30  
Dark Wed.  
planethollywoodresort.  
com  
877-333-9474

**Penn & Teller**

Rio All-Suite  
Dark Thurs. & Fri.  
harrahs.com  
888-746-7482

**"Phantom:  
The Las Vegas  
Spectacular"**

The Venetian  
Dark Sun.  
venetian.com  
866-641-SHOW

**"The Platters, Cornell  
Gunter's Coasters,  
& The Marvelettes"**

Sahara  
Nightly  
saharavegas.com  
888-696-2121

**"The Price Is Right"**

Bally's Las Vegas  
Daily  
harrahs.com  
800-634-3434

**"The Rat Pack is Back"**

Plaza Hotel  
Dark Sun.  
plazahotelcasino.com  
800-634-6575

**"The Real Deal!"**

Poker-themed show  
The Venetian  
Dark Wed.  
venetian.com  
866-641-SHOW

**Rita Rudner**

Harrah's Las Vegas  
Dark Sun.  
harrahaslasvegas.com  
800-427-7247

**"The Sapanos  
Last Supper"**

Greek Isles  
greekislesvegas.com  
702-952-8000

**"Scarlett-Princess  
of Magic"**

V Theater at  
Planet Hollywood  
Dark Tues.  
varietytheater.com  
702-932-1818

**The Scintas**

Las Vegas Hilton  
Dark Wed., Thurs. & Sun.  
lvhilton.com  
800-732-7117

**"Shear Madness"**

Town Square Las Vegas  
Dark Mon.  
shearmadnesslv.com  
702-949-6123



ONGOING

**"The Stars of Magic"**

Royal Resort  
Sun.-Tues.  
thestarsofmagic.com  
702-457-8448

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**(3-4, 24-25)**

**Jay Leno**

The Mirage  
themirage.com  
702-792-7777

**(3-4)**

**Las Vegas Connection**

Eastside Cannery  
eastsidecannery.com  
702-856-5300

**(3-5)**

**Air Supply**

Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
702-636-7111

**(3-5)**

**Gladys Knight**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-ORLEANS

**(3-5)**

**The Lettermen**

South Point Casino  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

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**SATURDAY**

**Dierks Bentley**

Laughlin  
Harrah's Laughlin  
harrahslaughlin.com  
702-298-8510

**The Outlaws**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
866-287-4643

**Tour de Cure**

Henderson  
Henderson Events  
Plaza  
e-mail: mstokes@  
diabetes.org  
702-267-2171

**(4-5)**

**Xtreme Bulls**

Laughlin  
laughlinchamber.com  
800-308-2253

**5**

**SUNDAY**

**Academy of Country  
Music Awards**

MGM Grand  
acmcountry.com  
702-474-4000

**Fall Out Boy**

The Pearl Concert  
Theater at The Palms  
livenation.com  
702-942-7777

**6**

**George Strait**

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
702-474-4000

**7**

**(7-12)**

**Trent Carlini**

**"The Dream King"**

Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
riversideresort.com  
702-298-2535

**9**

**(9-12)**

**Clark County Fair  
& Rodeo**

Logandale  
Logandale Fairgrounds  
ccfair.com  
702-398-3247



APRIL

## 18 SATURDAY

### International Food & Folklife Festival

**Henderson**  
Henderson Events Plaza  
visithenderson.com  
702-267-2171

AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS IN LAS VEGAS, the International Food & Folklife Festival has moved to Henderson. This unique gathering is a melting pot of diverse traditions, foods, and cultures from more than 20 countries. There is dancing, folk arts, crafts, and family fun. The festival takes place during and after the Henderson Heritage Parade, also on April 18.

## 10

**(10-11)**  
**Kevin James**  
The Mirage  
themirage.com  
702-792-7777

**(10-11)**  
**Superboogie**  
Eastside Cannery  
eastidecannery.com  
702-856-5300

**(10-12)**  
**Debbie Reynolds**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

## 11 SATURDAY

**The Association**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
866-287-4643

**(11-21, dark 15-17)**  
**Earl Turner**  
Laughlin  
harrahslaughlin.com  
702-298-8510

## 14

**(14-19)**  
**Conway Twitty's  
"It's Only Make  
Believe"**  
Laughlin  
Riverside Resort  
riversideresort.com  
702-298-2535

## 16

**(16-19)**  
**Arabian Breeders  
World Cup & Gift Show**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

## 17

**Midnight Mayhem**  
Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**PSCA Test 'n' Tune**  
Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**The Killers**  
Hard Rock Hotel  
The Joint  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-HRD-ROCK

**(17-18)**  
**Next Movement**  
Eastside Cannery  
eastidecannery.com  
702-856-5300

**(17-18)**  
**Ray Romano  
& Kevin James**  
The Mirage  
themirage.com  
702-792-7777

**(17-19)**  
**Bill Medley & Paul R.**  
South Point

southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**(17-19)**  
**KC & The Sunshine  
Band**  
The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-ORLEANS

**(17-19)**  
**Pure Aloha Concert  
& Festival**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
866-287-4643

**(17-26)**  
**"The Goat, or Who is  
Sylvia?"**  
College of Southern  
Nevada Performing  
Arts Center  
csn.edu/pac  
702-651-LIVE



## 18 SATURDAY

**Henderson Heritage  
Parade**  
**Henderson**  
Water Street District  
visithenderson.com  
702-267-2171

**International Food  
& Folklife Festival**  
**Henderson**  
Henderson Events  
Plaza  
visithenderson.com  
702-267-2171

**PSCA qualifying**  
Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**(18-19)**  
**Boulder City  
Fine Arts Festival**  
150 exhibiting artists  
**Boulder City**  
Bicentennial Park  
bouldercityartguild.org  
702-293-2138

## 19 SUNDAY

**PSCA eliminations**  
Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**AIDS Walk**  
Aid For AIDS of Nevada  
afanlv.org  
702-382-2326

## 22

**(22-26)**  
**Laughlin River Run**  
Motorcycle Rally  
**Laughlin**  
laughlinriverrun.com  
949-502-3434

## 24

**The Charlie Daniels  
Band**  
**Laughlin**  
Harrah's Laughlin  
harrahslaughlin.com  
702-298-8510

**Mocca—R&B, Soul,  
& Funk Review**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
866-287-4643

**Neil Berg's 100 Years  
of Broadway**  
Artemus W. Hall  
Concert Hall, UNLV  
e-mail: shawn.  
sewell@unlv.edu  
702-895-4710

**Test 'n' Tune**  
Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444



★ ONGOING *continued*

**"Sin City Circus"**

Vegas Club  
Thurs.-Sat.  
vegasclubcasino.net  
800-634-6532

**"Sin City Heat"**

Las Vegas Hilton  
Dark Mon.  
lvhilton.com  
800-732-7117

**"Sin City Kitties—  
A Burlesque Show"**

Primm  
Whiskey Pete's  
Dark Mon.-Wed.  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
800-386-7867

**Singer Impressionist  
"Tom Stevens"**

Riviera  
Dark March 6-10  
rivierahotel.com  
800-634-6753

**"The Stars of Magic"**

Royal Resort  
Sun.-Tues.  
thestarsofmagic.com  
702-457-8448

**"Steve Wyrick:  
Real Magic"**

Planet Hollywood  
Dark Fri.  
steviewyrick.com  
877-333-9474

**"Superstar Voices  
in Concert"**

Royal Resort  
Dark Mon.-Wed.  
lasvegasacts.com  
800-595-4849

**Terry Fator**

Ventriloquist  
The Mirage  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**"Thunder From  
Down Under"**

Male-review dancers  
Excalibur  
Nightly  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**Titanic: The Artifact  
Exhibit**

Luxor  
Daily  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

**"Tony 'n' Tina's  
Wedding"**

Rio All-Suite  
Nightly  
harrahs.com  
888-746-7482

**"Tournament of Kings"**

Dinner show  
King Arthur's Arena  
at Excalibur  
Dark Tues.  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**"Ultimate Manilow:  
The Hits"**

Las Vegas Hilton  
Dark Sun.-Wed.  
lvhilton.com  
800-732-7117

**UNLV Rebels Baseball**

March 6-8, 18, & 20-22  
April 3-5, 9-11,  
17-19, 28-29  
unlvrebels.cstv.com  
702-739-FANS

**"V—The Ultimate  
Variety Show"**

Planet Hollywood  
Nightly  
varietytheater.com  
702-932-1818

**The Vinnie Favorito  
Comedy Show**

Flamingo Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-732-2111

**"Viva Las Vegas"**

Plaza Hotel  
Dark Sun.  
plazahotelcasino.com  
800-634-6575

**Wayne Brady**

The Venetian  
Thurs.-Mon.  
venetian.com  
866-641-SHOW

**"X" Burlesque**

Flamingo Las Vegas  
Nightly  
harrahs.com  
800-732-2111

**"ZUMANITY,  
Another Side  
of Cirque du Soleil"**

New York-New York  
Dark Mon. & Thurs.  
zumanity.com  
866-606-7111

(24-26)

**John Heffron**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

(24-26)

**Kenny Rogers**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-ORLEANS

(24-26)

**World Wide Dream  
Builders**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-ORLEANS

(24-29)

**The Tokens**

Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
702-636-7111

25  
SATURDAY

**"The Circus," starring  
Britney Spears**

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
702-474-4000

**Bracket Series  
Race No. 5**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**The O'Jays**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
866-287-4643

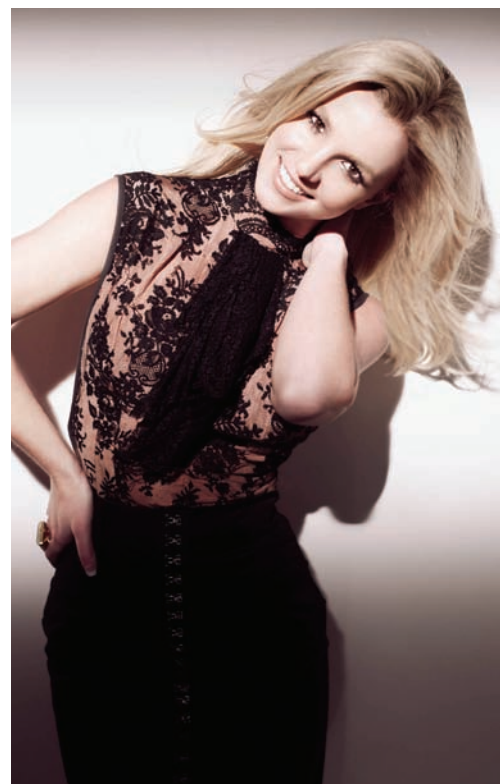
**Short Line Express  
Jr. Dragster**

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

26  
SUNDAY

**Bracket Series  
Race No. 6**

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Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444



APRIL

25  
SATURDAY

**"The Circus," starring  
Britney Spears**

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
702-474-4000

THE SECRET'S OUT, ACCORDING TO BRITNEY SPEARS' Web site, and fans are scrambling to get tickets to the much-anticipated Las Vegas performance of Spears' first arena tour since 2004. The show is choreographed by Jamie King, director of former Celine Dion, Madonna, and Spice Girls tours. Spears, with special guest Pussycat Dolls, will bring her "Circus" act to other West Coast cities such as Los Angeles and Oakland (see britneyspears.com).

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**Kreator**

Mandalay Bay  
House of Blues  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580



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Silver State, visit  
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About an hour north of Las Vegas is the town of Alamo and the Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuge. With 5,380 acres of wide-open land, this is one of the best areas in Nevada to view an extensive variety of birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles. Want to experience Nevada wildlife without the smoky showroom? Go to **LincolnCountyNevada.com** for more info.

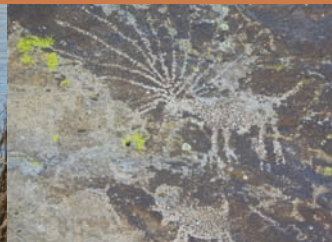
**LincolnCounty  
Nevada.com**

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**Bureau of Land Management** (775) 726-8100

**Nevada State Parks** (775) 728-4460



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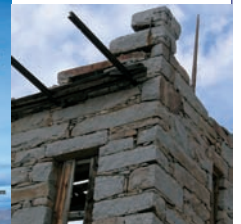
Alamo is the social and business center of the rich Pahrangat Valley. Once a prime hunting ground for Native Americans, traces of their passage may be seen in rock art scattered throughout the valley. The Rock Art Guide on the website directs visitors to some common locations.

## In the middle of Nevada, a castle awaits.

Located on Highway 50 in the middle of Nevada, is the town of Austin. At its western entrance, a tall white castle sits upon a hillside, welcoming visitors to this picturesque community. A symbol of the town's rich history, it's one of many buildings that tell a story of the old west.

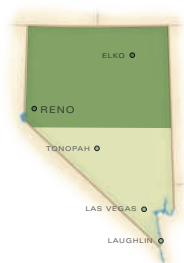
Welcome to Austin, where visitors can enjoy all the historic Main Street businesses, past and present. It's a great place to grab a bite to eat or spend the night at a comfortable and friendly motel.

**Austin, Nevada: where adventurous souls meet.**



The Greater Austin  
Chamber of Commerce  
775.964.2200  
AustinNevada.com





## NORTHERN NEVADA

### march/april

All listings are in Reno unless otherwise noted. Multiple-day events are listed on the first day. Call ahead to confirm details such as times and age restrictions. For a more extensive Northern Nevada listing, visit [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com). To submit an event or show, e-mail [nmachado@nevadamagazine.com](mailto:nmachado@nevadamagazine.com).

#### MARCH

##### D 1 SUNDAY

###### **The Great Ski Race**

Benefits Tahoe Nordic Search & Rescue  
Tahoe City/Truckee  
[thegreatskirace.com](http://thegreatskirace.com)

###### **Eagles & Agriculture**

View & photograph bald eagles & other birds  
Carson Valley  
[visitcarsonvalley.org](http://visitcarsonvalley.org)  
775-782-9835

###### **Snowbomb Sick & Twisted**

Slopestyle  
Incline Village  
[diamondpeak.com](http://diamondpeak.com)  
775-832-1177

###### **USASA Skier/Boarder X**

Kirkwood  
[kirkwood.com](http://kirkwood.com)  
209-258-7248

(1-5)

###### **Nissan Tram Face**

Freeride World Tour  
Squaw Valley USA  
[freerideworldtour.com](http://freerideworldtour.com)  
530-452-7111



#### NEVADA ONLINE

For more events and shows in the Silver State, visit [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).

(1-8)

###### **Lake Tahoe Winterfest**

Gay & lesbian ski week  
South Lake Tahoe  
[laketahowinterfest.com](http://laketahowinterfest.com)

(1-8)

###### **SnowFest**

Polar bear swim, parties, parades, ski & boarding challenges  
North Lake Tahoe  
[tahoesnowfestival.com](http://tahoesnowfestival.com)  
530-583-7167

(1-15)

###### **The Scholastic Art Awards of 2009**

Nevada Museum of Art  
[nevadaart.org](http://nevadaart.org)  
775-329-3333

##### D 2

###### **Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party**

Elko  
[elkocva.com](http://elkocva.com)  
775-758-6471

###### **"Really Rosie"**

By California Theatre Company  
Pioneer Center  
[pioneercenter.com](http://pioneercenter.com)  
800-606-0424

###### **University Jazz Band**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
[unr.edu/arts](http://unr.edu/arts)  
775-784-4278

##### D 3

(3, 5-7)

###### **Scott Marshall**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget



#### MARCH

##### D 1-8

###### **SnowFest**

North Lake Tahoe  
[tahoesnowfestival.com](http://tahoesnowfestival.com)  
530-583-7167

**THIS YEAR'S SNOWFEST** marks 28 years of family fun in North Lake Tahoe. The region, including the California town of Truckee, becomes the hot spot for all ages during this 10-day event, which technically begins February 27. The SnowFest calendar is packed with on-mountain and off-mountain activities, including parades, children's events, dog events, a polar bear swim—even "wacky bowling." What better way to get out and celebrate the winter?

[janugget.com](http://janugget.com)  
800-648-1177

(3-8)

###### **Ant & Doug Starks**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harveys  
[harveystahoe.com](http://harveystahoe.com)  
775-586-6266

##### D 4

(4-8)

###### **"The Foreigner"**

[unr.edu/arts](http://unr.edu/arts)  
800-225-2277

(4-8)

###### **Shooting the West XXI**

Photography symposium  
Winnemucca  
[shootingthewest.com](http://shootingthewest.com)  
800-962-2638

##### D 5

###### **Arts Advocacy Day**

Carson City  
[nevadaculture.org/nac](http://nevadaculture.org/nac)  
775-687-8860

###### **Montreal Guitar Trio**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
[unr.edu/pas](http://unr.edu/pas)  
775-784-4278

###### **Governor's Arts Awards**

Siena Hotel Spa Casino  
[nevadaculture.org/nac](http://nevadaculture.org/nac)  
775-687-8860

(5-7)

###### **Da Big Tsunami Sparks**

John Ascuaga's Nugget  
[janugget.com](http://janugget.com)  
800-648-1177



MARCH

6-8

### Broadway Comes to Reno

"Bye Bye Birdie"  
Pioneer Center  
pioneercenter.com  
877-840-0457

**BROADWAY IS HITTING RENO!** If you are looking for tons of laughs and classic songs, this is the production for you. "Bye Bye Birdie" is an eight-time Tony Awards winner, including an award for Best Musical. When teenage heartthrob and rock star Conrad Birdie is drafted into the Army, the youth of America falls apart. There are contests for a goodbye kiss from Conrad, jealous boyfriends, and unemployed songwriters in this chaotic and romantic journey.

### (5-8) Jo Mama Sparks

John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

### (5-8) North Face Masters

Final stop on the big mountain snowboarding tour  
Kirkwood  
kirkwood.com  
209-258-7248

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### Czech Mates

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
unr.edu/pas  
775-784-4278

### Northeastern Nevada Museum Halleck Bar Party

Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

### Oasis 2009 Conference

Siena Hotel Spa Casino  
nevadaculture.org/nac  
775-687-8860

### (6-7) Guided Full Moon Snowshoe Tours

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

### (6-8) Broadway Comes to Reno

"Bye Bye Birdie"  
Pioneer Center  
pioneercenter.com  
877-840-0457

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SATURDAY

### Poetry Out Loud

Siena Hotel Spa Casino  
nevadaculture.org/nac  
775-687-8860

### Vertical Challenge

Incline Village  
Diamond Peak

diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

### Black Label Bash

Featuring Black Label Society  
Sparks  
The New Oasis  
newoasisreno.com  
530-898-1497

### Evening with the Arts

Fallon  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

### Full Moon Snowshoe Trek

Kirkwood  
kirkwood.com  
209-258-7248

### GBC French Film Festival

Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

## ★ ONGOING

### Art Collection of Bill & Jo Janowski

National Automobile Museum  
Thru June  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

### The Art of Nature

Sharon K. Schafer's photographs, sketches, & paintings  
Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
Thru Aug.  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x. 236

### Between Grass & Sky: Rhythms of a Cowboy Poem

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru May 17  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

### Between Grass & Sky: Trappings of a Ranch Life

Elko  
Western Folklife Center  
Wiegand Gallery  
Thru Aug. 29  
westernfolklife.org  
775-738-7508

### "Carnival Cabaret," starring Gypsy

South Lake Tahoe  
Horizon Casino  
Dark Mon.  
carnivalcabaret.com  
800-683-8266

### Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club

Silver Legacy  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

### Coin Press No. 1 Demonstration

Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
Last Fri. of each month  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x.233

### Fallon Trap Club

Season-long events  
Fallon  
fallontourism.com  
775-427-4556

### First Thursday

Refreshments & music  
Nevada Museum of Art  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

### Fleischmann Planetarium & Science Center

Exhibits & shows  
UNR campus  
planetarium.unr.edu  
775-784-4811

### The Flying Vargus

Circus Circus  
Dark Mon.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

### "Greg London's Icons"

Harrah's Reno  
Dark Tues.  
harrahs.com  
775-788-2900

### Hidden Cave Tours

Second & fourth Sat.  
Thru July  
Fallon  
ccmuseum.org  
775-423-3677

### Holy Superhero!

Batman's car is displayed  
National Automobile Museum  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9000

### Imperial Acrobats of China

Circus Circus  
Dark Wed.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

### Improv Comedy

South Lake Tahoe  
Harveys  
Dark Mon.  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

### JR Johns Pet Show

Circus Circus  
Dark Tues. & Thurs.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

### Katie Holten:

Atlas of Memory  
Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru May 17  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333



★ ONGOING continued

**Last Tracks**

Appetizers, wine  
tasting, & skiing  
Sats., Thru April 11  
[Incline Village](#)  
Diamond Peak  
[diamondpeak.com](#)  
775-832-1177

**Lavish Landaulettes**

National Automobile  
Museum  
Thru April 20  
[automuseum.org](#)  
775-333-9300

**Margarita Cabrera:  
Hummers**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru March 15  
[nevadaart.org](#)  
775-329-3333

**Mary Warner:  
Painting Nature**

[Fallon](#)  
Oats Park Art Center  
Thru March 28  
[churchillarts.org](#)  
775-423-1440

**"Menopause:  
The Musical"**

Eldorado  
Thru May 10  
[eldoradoreno.com](#)  
800-648-5966

**Michael Sykes:  
Photography**

[Fallon](#)  
Oats Park Art Center  
Thru March 28  
[churchillarts.org](#)  
775-423-1440

**Nevada Works**

Art Showcase  
Artists Co-op  
Gallery of Reno  
775-322-8896

**Old Town Wine Walk**

[Carson City](#)  
First Sat.  
[visitcarsoncity.com](#)  
775-883-2211

**Perform, Perform,  
Perform: Allison Lacher  
& Victoria Calabro**

Sheppard Fine Arts  
Gallery  
Thru March 20  
[unr.edu/arts](#)  
775-784-4ART

**Reno Aces Baseball**

Triple-A  
April 17-24, 30  
[renoaces.com](#)  
775-334-4700

**Reno Beer Crawl**

Fourth Sat.  
Tastings of specialty  
beers  
[renobeercrawl.com](#)  
775-996-1811

**Reno Bighorns  
Basketball**

NBA D-League Team  
Reno Events Center  
March 1, 6, 7, 11,  
13, 26, 28  
April 2, 4, 5, 11  
[renobighorns.org](#)  
775-284-2622

**Roadside Attractions**

National Automobile  
Museum  
[automuseum.org](#)  
775-333-9300

**Steppen Stonz**

[Carson City](#)  
Carson Station  
Wed.-Sat.  
[carsonstation.com](#)  
800-501-2929

**Western Folklife  
Center Wiegand  
Gallery**

[Elko](#)  
Interactive exhibitions  
& multimedia  
presentations  
[westernfolklife.org](#)

**Wine Walk**

Third Sat.  
Wine tasting along  
the Truckee River  
[renoriver.org](#)  
775-825-WALK

**Wolf Pack Baseball**

March 6-8, 12-15,  
27-29, 31  
April 9-11, 16-19, 21,  
24-26, 28  
[nevadawolfpack.com](#)  
775-348-PACK

**Wolf Pack Softball**

March 6-8, 14-15, 18,  
21-22  
April 3-4, 24-25  
[nevadawolfpack.com](#)  
775-348-PACK



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**The Pretenders**

Silver Legacy  
[silverlegacyreno.com](#)  
800-687-8733

**THE PRETENDERS LIVE, BREATHE, EAT, AND**

**SLEEP ROCK 'N' ROLL.** Lead singer Chrissie Hynde is the only remaining member from the original group formed more than two decades ago. Hynde is truly one of a kind in her singing/songwriting. Joined by guitarist James Honeyman-Scott and bassist Nick Wilkinson, The Pretenders are still topping the charts. The trio will perform hits off their latest album, "Break Up the Concrete," on March 13 at Reno's Silver Legacy.

**Los Lobos**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harrah's  
[southshoreroom.com](#)  
775-427-7247

**Mighty Mite Crazy  
Helmet Day**

Squaw Valley USA  
[squaw.com](#)  
530-583-6955

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SUNDAY

**Pints & Paddles**

Cruise aboard the  
*Tahoe Queen*  
South Lake Tahoe  
Ski Run Marina

[zephyrcove.com](#)  
800-23-TAHOE

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**Andy Sonnemaker**

[Carson City](#)  
Brewery Arts Center  
[breweryarts.org](#)  
775-883-1976

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(10-11)

**AARP Driver Safety  
Program**

National Automobile  
Museum  
[automuseum.org](#)  
775-333-9300

(10-14)

**WAC Tournament**

Men's Basketball  
Lawlor Events Center  
[nevadawolfpack.com](#)  
775-348-PACK

(10-14)

**WAC Tournament**

Women's Basketball  
Lawlor Events Center  
[nevadawolfpack.com](#)  
775-348-PACK

(10, 12-14)

**Tony Cataldo**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
[janugget.com](#)  
800-648-1177

(10-15)

**Kivi Rogers &  
Shayla Rivera**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harveys  
[harveystahoe.com](#)  
775-586-6266

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**Elko High School  
Band Concert**

Elko  
[elkocva.com](#)  
775-758-6471

**Full Moon Snowshoe  
Cocktail**

Races at the Beacon  
Bar & Grill  
South Lake Tahoe  
[camprichardson.com](#)  
530-541-0630

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**Crystal Harmony**

Community Concert  
Elko  
[elkocva.com](#)  
775-758-6471

**Historic Lecture**

Gardnerville  
[historicnevada.org](#)  
775-782-2555

(12-15)

**Stew Stewart**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget



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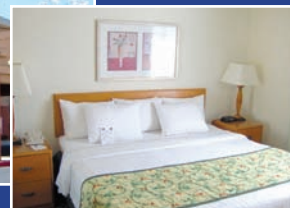
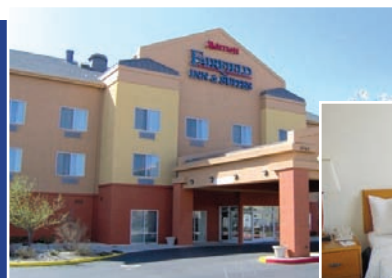
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## D 13

### The Eldos

The Bad Boys  
of A Capella

Eureka

Eureka Opera House  
775-237-6006

### The Pretenders

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

(13-14)

### Reno Film Festival

Joe Crowley Student  
Union, UNR  
renofilmfestival.com  
775-334-6707



MARCH

## D 14

### SATURDAY

#### Mountain Oyster Cook-Off

Virginia City  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-4FUN

SOME CALL IT TASTY AND DELIGHTFUL, others call it oddly interesting. No matter how you look at it, the Mountain Oyster Cook-Off—yes, a festival “celebrating” sheep testicles in Virginia City—is the place to be on March 14. Most use the standard preparation of basic frying, but others add some unique touches. Tempura, fried “meatballs,” and curry are just a few. Mountain oysters aren’t a food to be feared; they are marinated so long or paired with such strong spices that little of the meat’s actual flavor gets through. Visit nevadamagazine.com for a review of last year’s event.

## D 14 SATURDAY

### Family Fun Fair

Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

### G. Love & Special Sauce

South Lake Tahoe  
Harrah's  
southshoreroom.com  
775-427-7247

### Mountain Oyster Cook-Off

Virginia City  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-4386

### Nitro/VZ/Highlander Rail Jam

Sierra-at-Tahoe  
sierraattahoe.com  
530-659-7453

### NRA High Power Rifle & Sport Rifle Contest

Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

Virginia City  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-4FUN

### Sessions Lumberjack Log Jam

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-452-7111

### Transworld AM Snowboarding Series

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstarattahoe.com  
800-GO-NORTH

(14-15)

### Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert

Nightingale Concert  
Hall, UNR

renochamber  
orchestra.org  
775-348-9413

(14-15, 21-22)

### Ski & Snowboard Camp for Teens

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-452-7111

## D 15 SUNDAY

### Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Presented by Artown  
Grand Sierra  
renoisartown.com  
775-322-1538

### Billabong Flaunt It Girls

Slopestyle & Rail Jam  
Sierra-at-Tahoe  
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27-29

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**16**  
**Snowshoe Shuffle**  
Kirkwood  
kirkwood.com  
209-258-7248

**17**  
**Community Appreciation Day**  
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diamondpeak.com  
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**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**  
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Lenny the Leprechaun on the slopes  
Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
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sugarbowl.com  
530-426-6726

**(17-22)**  
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Harveys  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

**(17, 19-21)**  
**Jackie Landrum**  
Sparks  
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**18**  
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**(18-21)**  
**Hearth, Patio, & BBQ Expo**  
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hpbexpo.com

**(18-22)**  
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Kirkwood  
kirkwood.com  
877-KIRKWOOD

**19**  
**Brett Dennen**  
Grand Sierra Resort  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-648-3568

**(19-22)**  
**AST Dew Tour**  
Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstarattahoe.com  
800-GO-NORTH

**(19-22)**  
**The Slugger Trask Band**  
Sparks

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janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**20**  
**(20-21)**  
**Tower of Power**  
South Lake Tahoe  
Harrah's  
southshoreroom.com  
775-427-7247

**21 SATURDAY**  
**Brenn Hill Concert**  
Minden  
Carson Valley Inn  
cvinn.com  
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**Health & Fitness Fair**  
Elko  
elkocva.com  
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South Lake Tahoe  
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925-944-8801 x215



**(21-22)**  
**A.V.A. Ballet Theatre**  
"Alice in Wonderland"  
Pioneer Center  
pioneercenter.com  
877-840-0457

**22 SUNDAY**  
**Sierra Avalanche Foundation Fundraiser**  
Sugar Bowl

sugarbowl.com  
530-426-6726

**24**  
**(24, 26-28)**  
**Joel Edwards**  
Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177  
**(24-29)**  
**Mike Pace & Chipper Lowell**  
South Lake Tahoe  
Harveys  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

**25**  
**Live Jazz Night**  
Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
Orozko Lounge  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177  
**(26-29)**  
**The Buddy Emmer Band**  
Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**27**  
**(27-28)**  
**Boyz II Men**  
Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**(27-28)**  
**Spring Game-A-Thon**  
Minden  
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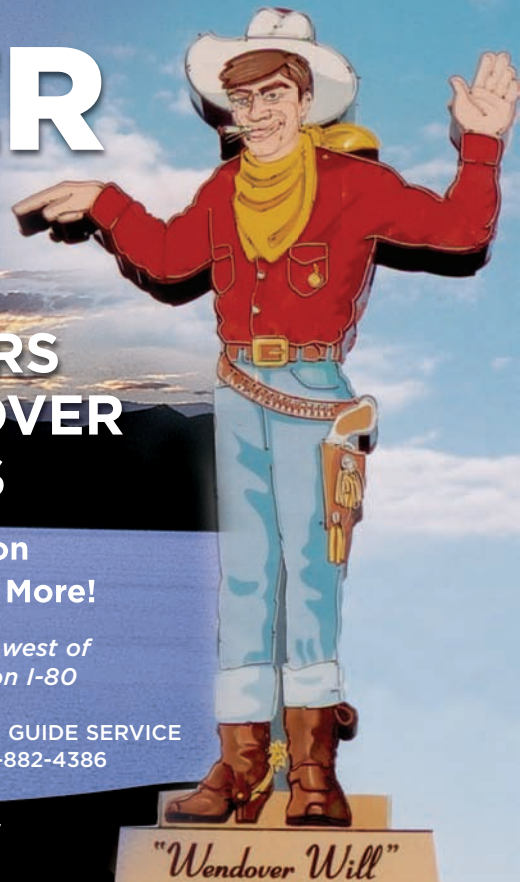
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APRIL

**4**

**SATURDAY**

**Speak Your Mind**

Hip-hop music festival  
Lawlor Events Center  
syminvasion.com  
775-200-2948

**ONE NIGHT, ONE STAGE, AND FIVE HOURS.** The biggest hip-hop festival in Nevada's history takes over Lawlor Events Center on April 4. With multiple mind-blowing live performances including Breakers, B-Boys, Mickey Factz (left), Vendor Village, and much more, Speak Your Mind is meant to raise personal knowledge and community awareness. The festival benefits the Holland Project and University of Nevada, Reno Creative Arts Scholarships.

**Utah Shakespearean Festival**

Eureka  
Eureka Opera House  
775-237-6006

(3-4)

**Ultimate Boarder**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-452-7111

(3-5)

**Broadway Comes to Reno**

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"  
Pioneer Center  
pioneercenter.com  
877-840-0457

(3-5, 10-12, 17-19)

**"Wait Until Dark"**

Hug High School Theater  
renolittletheater.org  
775-826-8835

(27-29)

**"The Old Maid and the Thief and The Telephone"**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
unr.edu/pas  
775-784-4278

**Hatchett Brothers' '80s Metal Bash**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Practical Pistol Contest**

Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

**Rocky Mountain Elk Dinner**

Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

**Uphill Downhill Race**

Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

**Wanda Sykes**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**WAR**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harrah's  
southshoreroom.com  
775-427-7247

**"Women: Past, Present, & Future"**

Gardnerville

historicnevada.org  
775-782-2555

**29**  
**SUNDAY**

**Dummy Downhill**

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Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
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**Sick & Twisted Big Air Festival**

Alpine Meadows  
skialpine.com  
877-845-5944

(29, 31)

**Reno Philharmonic**

Pioneer Center  
renophil.com  
775-323-6393

**31**

**Banff Mountain Film Festival**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**\$1,500 Blackjack Tournament**

Minden

Carson Valley Inn  
cvinn.com  
775-782-9711

(31-April 5)

**Rocky LaPorte**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harveys  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

APRIL

**2**

**"Strings in the School"**

Carson City  
ccsymphony.com  
775-883-4154

**3**

**Spring Bingo**

Gabbs  
775-285-4009  
e-mail: tarantulas\_pto@yahoo.com

**NBU Banquet**

Peppermill  
Tuscany Ballroom  
peppermillreno.com  
775-826-2121

**4**  
**SATURDAY**

**Marmot 6 Summit Peak Pursuit**

Kirkwood  
kirkwood.com  
209-258-7248

**Neil Sedaka**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harrah's  
southshoreroom.com  
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Elko  
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APRIL

**18-19**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Lincoln Highway Car Show**

Austin

austinnevada.com

775-694-2200

SPRINGTIME MEANS A LOT OF THINGS to a lot of people. For some it means it's time to open up the garage, shine those wheels, buff up the chrome, and take that baby for a spin. On April 18-19, cruise across U.S. 50 to Austin for the Lincoln Highway Car Show. All pre-1972 vehicles from hot rods to classics are welcome. This event is hosted by the Alvisto Roadsters.

(4-5)

**Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
renochamberorchestra.org  
775-348-9413

(4-5)

**Snowbomb Littlest Air Competition**

Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

(4-5)

**Spring Fling Shoot**

Eureka  
775-237-7027

**5**

**SUNDAY**

(5-6)

**Far West/Emily Clothier Fundraiser**

Heavenly  
skiheavenly.com  
775-586-7000

**6**

(6-24)

**Deon Reynolds Photography Exhibit**

Eureka  
nevadaculture.org/nac  
775-687-8860

**7**

(7-12)

**Maryellen Hooper**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harveys  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

**9**

**Historic Lecture**

Gardnerville  
historicnevada.org  
775-782-2555

**10**

**Easter EGGstravaganza**

Elko  
elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

**Kirkwood Jammin XVI**

Kirkwood  
kirkwood.com  
209-258-7248

**Tot Easter Egg Hunt**

Stateline  
Kahle Community Center  
775-586-7271

**University Percussion Ensemble**

Featuring John Riley  
Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
unr.edu/pas  
775-784-4278

(10-12, 17-19)

**Hollywood Arms**

Minden  
carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org

**11**

**SATURDAY**

**Colin Quinn at The Improv**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harrah's  
southshoreroom.com  
775-427-7247

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Virginia City  
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775-847-4FUN

**Mad Hatter's Parade**

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**Passholder & Community Appreciation Day**

Incline Village  
Diamond Peak  
diamondpeak.com  
775-832-1177

**12**

**SUNDAY**

**Golden Egg Hunt**

Win a season pass  
Sugar Bowl  
sugarbowl.com  
530-426-6726

**Ski With The Easter Bunny**

Sugar Bowl  
sugarbowl.com  
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**13**

**The Hold Steady**

Club Underground  
clubundergroundreno.com  
775-786-2582

**14**

**The Hold Steady**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harrah's  
southshoreroom.com  
775-427-7247

**University Jazz Band**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
unr.edu/pas  
775-784-4278

(14-19)

**Gary Valentine & Mike Burton**

South Lake Tahoe  
Harveys  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

**16**

**Nevada Winds Woodwind Quintet**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
unr.edu/pas  
775-784-4278

**17**

**Kenny Rogers**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

(17-19)

**Battle Mountain Rodeo**

Battle Mountain  
battlemountaintourism.com  
775-635-1112

(17-19)

**Big Reno Show**

Gun Show  
Grand Sierra  
bigrenoshow.com  
775-828-2350

**18**

**SATURDAY**

**CPR/First Aid Training**

South Lake Tahoe  
tahoerimtrail.org  
775-298-0012

**Nevada Magazine's Tour Around Nevada**

Battle Mountain  
Battle Mountain Rodeo  
nevadamagazine.com  
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APRIL

**25-26**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Chili Cook-Off & Craft Fair**

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**Ranch Rodeo**

Elko

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**Red Bluff Ramble**

Lake Tahoe

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530-546-1019

**Red Bluff Ramble Sprint**

Lake Tahoe

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530-546-1019

(18-19)

**Fallon Soroptomist Home & Garden Show**

Fallon

Convention Center

fallontourism.com  
775-867-3503

(18-19)

**Lincoln Highway Car Show**

Austin

austinnevada.com  
775-694-2200

**20**

**Annual Student Recital**

Carson City

Brewery Arts Center  
breweryarts.org  
775-883-1976

**21**

**University Wind Ensemble**

Wind Dances  
Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
unr.edu/pas  
775-784-4278

(21-26)

**Chipper Lowell**

South Lake Tahoe

Harveys  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

**22**

**University Orchestra Spring Concert**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
unr.edu/pas  
775-784-4278

**23**

**Community Concert Quartet From San Francisco**

Elko

elkocva.com  
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(23-25)

**Reno Jazz Festival**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR & Lawlor Events Center  
unr.edu/rjf  
800-225-2277

(23-25)

**Spring Stag Golf Outing**

Minden

Carson Valley Inn, Genoa Lakes, & Eagle Valley West Golf Courses  
cvinn.com  
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**24**

(24, 26)

**La Boheme**

Pioneer Center

pioneercenter.com  
877-840-0457

(24-25, 29-30)

**"Metamorphoses"**

unr.edu/arts  
800-225-2277

**25**

**SATURDAY**

**En Vogue**

Sparks

John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**Glen Campbell**

South Lake Tahoe

Harrah's  
southshoreroom.com  
775-427-7247

**Practical Pistol Contest**

Elko

elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

**Push, Pull, or Pedal Eco Parade**

Squaw Valley USA

squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Red Meat**

Fallon

churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

(25-26)

**Chili Cook-Off & Craft Fair**

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Carson Valley Inn  
cvinn.com  
775-782-9711

(25-26)

**The Grand Prix at Virginia City**

Virginia City

vcgp.com  
775-530-6738

(25-27)

**Nevada USBC Women's Bowling State Tournament**

Elko

elkocva.com  
775-758-6471

**27**

(27-May 15)

**Tia Flores**

**Sculpture Exhibit**

nevadaculture.org/nac  
775-687-8860

**28**

**\$1,500 Blackjack Tournament**

Minden

Carson Valley Inn  
cvinn.com  
775-782-9711

**29**

**Elko High School Band & Orchestra Festival**

Elko

elkocva.com  
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**30**

**University Choral Concert**

Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR  
unr.edu/pas  
775-784-4278

(30-May 1)

**Spring Dance Concert**

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775-682-9030

(30-May 3)

**Nevada Junior Livestock Show**

Reno Livestock Events Center  
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Blue Man Group, Las Vegas

Lake Tahoe, Nevada

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